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H.R. No. 2955

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Christopher R. Traylor of Austin is retiring as  
2 deputy executive commissioner of the Texas Health and Human  
3 Services Commission on May 31, 2015, concluding a career in public  
4 service that has spanned 25 years; and

5           WHEREAS, Appointed to his post by Governor Rick Perry in  
6 2012, Chris Traylor is known for his expertise in the mechanics of  
7 the state's health and human services delivery system; from  
8 2010-2012, he was commissioner for the Texas Department of Aging  
9 and Disability Services, and he directed the implementation of  
10 broad reforms to improve state-supported living centers for people  
11 with profound developmental disabilities; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Traylor served the Health and Human Services  
13 Commission from 2006 to 2009 as associate commissioner for Medicaid  
14 and the Children's Health Insurance Program; he guided the  
15 development of health passports for children in foster care, and  
16 the STAR Health program gained national recognition for enhancing  
17 coordination of services; moreover, he helped integrate acute and  
18 long-term care services for the elderly and individuals with  
19 disabilities, thereby reducing the wait for access to assistance;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, In 2004, Mr. Traylor joined the commission as  
22 director of the Central Program Management Office, and he served as  
23 chief of staff; he brought to the organization a wealth of  
24 experience gained in numerous leadership roles at the Department of

1 Human Services, including deputy commissioner for government  
2 relations, regional administrator, and public information officer;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Traylor entered public service in Washington,  
5 D.C., as a legislative staffer for United States Senator Phil Gramm  
6 and then for U.S. Representative Beau Boulter; he later served his  
7 fellow Texans as legislative director for State Senator Drew Nixon  
8 and as chief of staff for State Representative Harvey Hilderbran; a  
9 graduate of Texas Tech University, Mr. Traylor holds a bachelor's  
10 degree in telecommunications; and

11 WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure in state government, Chris  
12 Traylor has demonstrated a strong commitment to the vital mission  
13 of the Texas health and human services system, and he may indeed  
14 take pride in his contributions; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby honor Chris Traylor on the occasion of his  
17 retirement from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and  
18 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Mr. Traylor as an expression of high regard by the  
21 Texas House of Representatives.