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H.R. No. 3465

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lawrence Olsen is retiring as executive vice
2 president of the Texas Good Roads and Transportation Association on
3 July 31, 2015, drawing to a close a notable career in the service of
4 the Texas highway industry that has spanned three and a half
5 decades; and

6 WHEREAS, A native of Austin, Mr. Olsen earned a bachelor's
7 degree in journalism and a master's degree in history from
8 Southwest Texas State University; early in his career, he worked as
9 a legislative assistant to U.S. Representative J. J. Pickle in
10 Washington, D.C.; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Olsen went on to serve for nine years as public
12 affairs director for the Heavy Highway Branch of the Associated
13 General Contractors of Texas, and since 1989, he has been the
14 executive vice president of the Texas Good Roads and Transportation
15 Association, responsible for the day-to-day operations of this
16 1,900-member nonprofit association in Austin; and

17 WHEREAS, During his exemplary 26-year tenure with Texas Good
18 Roads, Mr. Olsen has helped TGR maintain its close working
19 relationships with the Texas Department of Transportation, the
20 Texas Legislature, and chambers of commerce and civic leaders
21 across the state; he has served as chair of the Short Course Awards
22 Selection Committee for the scholarship program of the Texas
23 Transportation Forum, and he has been an advisor to the Texas Road
24 Hands Awards effort; and

1 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Mr. Olsen has enjoyed the
2 love and support of his wife and his two sons; he is a member of
3 Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church; and

4 WHEREAS, Lawrence Olsen's dedication, professionalism, and
5 commitment to excellence have greatly benefited the work of the
6 Texas Good Roads and Transportation Association and earned him the
7 respect and admiration of his colleagues, and he may indeed reflect
8 with pride on a career well spent as he embarks on the next exciting
9 chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Lawrence Olsen on his retirement as
12 executive vice president of the Texas Good Roads and Transportation
13 Association and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
14 happiness; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Mr. Olsen as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 House of Representatives.