

By: Moody

H.R. No. 367

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jerry McTernan retired from the El Paso County
2 Commissioners Court in January 2017, and his exemplary career in
3 public service is indeed deserving of special recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. McTernan earlier served his nation in the
5 U.S. Air Force, where he was named Military Person of the Year for
6 the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing in 1982 and earned an honorable
7 discharge at the rank of sergeant in 1984; he received his
8 bachelor's degree in business management from The University of
9 Texas at El Paso in 1988, and from 1990 to 2000, he ran his own
10 company, A. V. Electronic Service Center; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2000, Mr. McTernan became the administrator of
12 the El Paso County Medical Examiner's Office, where he supervised
13 the non-physician staff and oversaw the office's administrative
14 functions; from 2001 to 2006, he served as case manager at the
15 public defender's office, supervising the support staff and
16 providing daily assistance to more than 30 attorneys; he accepted a
17 post as senior administrative assistant at the commissioners court
18 in 2007, and over the course of his tenure there, he worked closely
19 with three commissioners for Precinct 4, Dan Haggerty, Pat Abeln,
20 and Andrew Haggerty; in addition to his involvement in the
21 day-to-day activities of the Precinct 4 office, he represented the
22 commissioner on several committees and stood in for him at meetings
23 of the Rio Grande Council of Governments and at various public
24 gatherings; and

1 WHEREAS, During his outstanding career with the county,
2 Mr. McTernan was responsible for several special projects,
3 including the comprehensive evaluation of the medical examiner's
4 office and the establishment of policy and procedures for property
5 donations and guidelines for juror donations; and

6 WHEREAS, Long active in his community, Mr. McTernan has given
7 freely of his time and talents as vice chair of the El Paso County
8 Risk Pool Board, as co-chair of the El Paso County Employees
9 Combined Charities Campaign, as a board member for the El Paso
10 Better Business Bureau and the Northeast Rotary Club, and as a
11 mentor for young people for Sun City Behavioral Health; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. McTernan's consummate professionalism and deep
13 commitment to public service have greatly benefited his fellow
14 citizens while earning him the respect and appreciation of his many
15 colleagues, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well
16 spent; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
18 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Jerry McTernan for
19 his myriad contributions to the people of El Paso County and extend
20 to him sincere best wishes for continued success in all his
21 endeavors; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Mr. McTernan as an expression of high regard by the
24 Texas House of Representatives.