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H.R. No. 204

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Tim O'Connor is retiring as director of the West
2 University Place Parks and Recreation Department in February 2017,
3 drawing to a close an outstanding tenure in public service; and

4 WHEREAS, Raised in West University Place, Mr. O'Connor
5 developed an interest in parks management in his youth, and his
6 subsequent work in the parks and recreation field culminated in his
7 present appointment in the early 2000s; since that time, his broad
8 expertise, coupled with leadership skills of a high order, has
9 enabled him to guide a sweeping transformation of the West
10 University Place parks and recreation facilities; and

11 WHEREAS, During the course of his eventful tenure,
12 Mr. O'Connor oversaw the implementation of a master plan, created
13 in 2000, to dramatically upgrade the city's recreation
14 infrastructure, as well as to acquire additional parkland for the
15 community; he has also led the development of a new park master
16 plan, approved in 2015, which will ensure that the revitalized park
17 assets continue to be maintained in the future and that the
18 department can develop new parks and facilities as needed; and

19 WHEREAS, The work accomplished by Mr. O'Connor and his staff
20 has not gone unnoticed; the Texas Recreation and Park Society
21 Institute presented West University Place with a 2016 Gold Medal
22 Award, which recognizes cities whose parks departments have
23 demonstrated excellence over the previous three years, and
24 Mr. O'Connor himself received the organization's Fellow Award in

1 2005; in addition, the city's 2015 Parks & Open Space Master Plan
2 earned an honorable mention in the Planning Process category in the
3 Houston-Galveston Area Council Parks and Natural Areas awards
4 competition; and

5 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has rendered admirable service
6 to the citizens of his community, and he may reflect with great
7 pride on a career well spent as he embarks on the next exciting
8 chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Tim O'Connor on the occasion of his
11 retirement from the West University Place Parks and Recreation
12 Department and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;
13 and, be it further

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