

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Joe H. Morin retired from the Economic Development
2 and Tourism division in the Office of the Governor in January 2017,
3 concluding a distinguished tenure that spanned 15 years in state
4 government; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2001, Mr. Morin became the legislative director
6 for the Texas Department of Economic Development, and he assisted
7 in attracting the Toyota manufacturing facility to the state; he
8 also served as a small business advocate in the Office of the
9 Governor, and he led the effort to create the first statewide online
10 one-stop shop business portal; moreover, he recruited and organized
11 the state's first Small Business Innovation Research National
12 Conference with a view toward bringing more federal technology
13 funding to Texas-based entrepreneurs; he ultimately managed
14 finance and tax incentives programs in the Economic Development and
15 Tourism Office; and

16 WHEREAS, Before joining state government, Mr. Morin was
17 employed for two years as vice president of business development
18 for Harvard Technologies in Austin; he previously supported the
19 business community for 15 years as president of the Texas
20 Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce, where he
21 developed new chamber organizations, created strategic
22 partnerships with over 50 major Fortune 500 corporations, and
23 launched key alliances with The University of Texas, Texas A&M
24 University, and the U.S. Small Business Administration; in

1 addition, he cofounded a mentorship program, Step Up To Success,
2 which was recognized as a model youth entrepreneurship initiative
3 by the U.S. Department of Commerce; he began his career in 1979 with
4 SER-Jobs for Progress; and

5 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Sinton, Mr. Morin is an alumnus of
6 Southwest Texas State University and The University of Texas at
7 Austin; over the years, he has served on the boards of the Greater
8 Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Texas Society of
9 Association Executives, and the Austin-Salttillo Sister Cities
10 Association; he also cofounded the Economic Growth Business
11 Incubator, which is dedicated to nurturing entrepreneurs in Austin;
12 along with his wife, Lupe Morin, he received the Greater Austin
13 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Through his skill, vision, and commitment to the
16 business community, Joe Morin has contributed to the prosperity of
17 the Lone Star State, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his
18 many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Joe H. Morin on his retirement from
21 the Office of the Governor and extend to him sincere best wishes for
22 the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 663

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 663 was adopted by the House on March 16, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House