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H.R. No. 663

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.