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H.R. No. 882

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Kurt L. Verlei retired from KCRS AM radio in Odessa
2 in January 2017, drawing to a close his 14-year tenure as cohost of
3 the station's *Morning Drive* program; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Verlei joined *Morning Drive* two years after it
5 started, at the request of his longtime friend Robert Hallmark, who
6 was the show's other host and the KCRS program director; the men's
7 close partnership helped the show become one of the top five
8 programs in the Midland-Odessa market, averaging 30,000 listeners a
9 week with its combination of national and local news, call-in
10 comments, and interviews with celebrities and political figures;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Although the two cohosts are retiring from KCRS
13 together and turning the show over to a new team, Mr. Verlei will
14 continue to work full-time as a marketing lecturer at The
15 University of Texas of the Permian Basin; this esteemed Texan holds
16 a bachelor's degree from Ohio University and a master's degree in
17 business administration from UTPB; in recognition of his
18 outstanding civic engagement, he received a 2014 Community
19 Statesman Award from the Heritage of Odessa Foundation; and

20 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Verlei enjoys the love and
21 support of his wife, Janace Verlei, as well as that of his children
22 and their spouses, Hillary Brunner and her husband, Kevin,
23 Stephanie Maddox and her husband, Kevin, Casey Randolph and his
24 wife, Ashley, and Coree Lawson and her husband, Grant; he also

1 delights in the time he spends with his grandchildren, Sheridan,
2 Keegan, Hailey, Kaitlyn, Abigail, Lily, Olivia, Kai, Ezra, Anthony,
3 and Orion; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Verlei's professionalism, dedication to his
5 work, and commitment to his community have greatly benefited his
6 listeners in Odessa and earned him the respect and admiration of his
7 fellow broadcasters, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his
8 years on the air as he embarks upon the next exciting chapter in his
9 life; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Kurt L. Verlei on his retirement
12 from KCRS radio and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
13 success; and, be it further

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