

By: Button

H.R. No. 1086

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Bob L. Townsend is retiring from the Richardson City  
2 Council in May 2017, drawing to a close a notable tenure that has  
3 spanned more than a decade and a half; and

4           WHEREAS, First elected to the city council in 2001,  
5 Mr. Townsend went on to serve for eight consecutive terms,  
6 including one term as mayor and three terms as mayor pro tempore;  
7 over the course of his 16 years on the council, he played a vital  
8 role in supporting the development of the Eisemann Center for the  
9 Performing Arts and the Richardson Gymnastics Center, the  
10 renovation of the Heights and Huffhines recreation centers, and the  
11 construction of several fire stations and Dallas Area Rapid Transit  
12 stations; he was also instrumental in the creation of the CityLine  
13 mixed-use development and in bringing the headquarters of Blue  
14 Cross/Blue Shield of Texas and the Fossil retail company to  
15 Richardson; and

16           WHEREAS, Among Mr. Townsend's many civic contributions while  
17 in office was the creation of the Mayor's Office of International  
18 Business, which led to Richardson's designation as the official  
19 International Business Capital of North Texas by the 82nd  
20 Legislature; in addition, he represented the city on the Regional  
21 Transportation Council, the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition,  
22 the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and the Metroplex  
23 Mayors Association; moreover, he has served as an ex officio member  
24 of the board of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the

1 Leadership Richardson Advisory Board; and

2           WHEREAS, Born in Oklahoma, Mr. Townsend pursued his  
3 undergraduate studies at the University of Oklahoma and  
4 Southeastern Oklahoma State University and earned his master's  
5 degree at Southern Methodist University; he retired from Texas  
6 Instruments in 1997 after a rewarding 37-year career with the  
7 company; in all his endeavors, he has enjoyed the love and support  
8 of his wife, Lynn, and he takes great pride in their three children,  
9 seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and

10           WHEREAS, Bob Townsend's dedication, expertise, and  
11 commitment to the prosperity and well-being of his community have  
12 greatly benefited the citizens of Richardson, and he may indeed  
13 reflect with satisfaction on a job well done; now, therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Bob L. Townsend on his retirement  
16 from the Richardson City Council and extend to him sincere best  
17 wishes for the future; and, be it further

18           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Mr. Townsend as an expression of high regard by the  
20 Texas House of Representatives.