

By: Flynn

H.R. No. 1347

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jackie Nations is concluding a remarkable 30-year
2 tenure on the Van City Council in May 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, First elected in 1984, Mr. Nations served two
4 consecutive terms before deciding not to run again; he was soon
5 asked to complete the term of a council member who had stepped down,
6 however, and he has served on the council ever since; throughout his
7 time in office, he has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to
8 addressing the concerns of his constituents; he also served his
9 fellow citizens for 45 years as a member of the Van Volunteer Fire
10 Department; and

11 WHEREAS, Born in Grand Saline in December 1948, Mr. Nations
12 lived in Wisdom Temple for a year before his family moved to Van,
13 where he graduated from high school; he went on to complete an
14 associate degree in petroleum technology at Tyler Junior College,
15 and in later years he earned a second associate degree from TJC in
16 engineering; Mr. Nations began working for Union Oil Company of
17 California in 1970, in his hometown; he interrupted his career with
18 the company to serve in the United States Army for two years and
19 then returned to UNOCAL in 1973; following the sale of the company
20 to Chevron in 2005, he continued his employment as a facilities
21 engineering supervisor for a further six years, a stint broken
22 briefly by a six-month attempt at retirement; since 2010, this
23 esteemed Texan has worked for an oil and gas consulting company; and

24 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Nations enjoys the support

1 and encouragement of his wife, Rhea Lene; he takes great pride in
2 his daughter, Eryka Sewell, and his four grandchildren; his return
3 to private life will allow him to become even more involved at his
4 church, as well as to pursue his interests in golf, hunting, sports,
5 and auto shows; and

6 WHEREAS, Jackie Nations has greatly benefited his community
7 over the past three decades through his outstanding contributions
8 as a member of the Van City Council, and his desire to serve others
9 and work toward the greater good sets an inspiring example for his
10 fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby honor Jackie Nations for his 30 years of service
13 on the Van City Council and extend to him sincere best wishes for
14 continued happiness; and, be it further

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