

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Deborah S. Gernes of Georgetown is retiring as
2 general manager of Travis County Water Control and Improvement
3 District No. 17 on May 3, 2017, concluding more than two decades of
4 exemplary service; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of the University of Massachusetts
6 Amherst with a bachelor's degree in biology, Ms. Gernes also holds
7 a master's degree in information systems from the Naval
8 Postgraduate School; following her 20-year career as a surface
9 warfare officer in the United States Navy, she joined the staff of
10 Travis County WCID in February 1996; and

11 WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Ms. Gernes, the
12 district has experienced dramatic growth, from 1,800 to 11,500
13 accounts with assets totaling some \$220 million, all while
14 garnering recognition for its financial and operational
15 efficiencies and conservation efforts; she has successfully
16 overseen such capital projects as water plant upgrades, tank and
17 pump station installations, and wastewater improvements, and she
18 has spearheaded a number of programs that help supply clean water to
19 underserved areas, including the Apache Shores, River Ridge, and
20 Montview neighborhoods; moreover, she was instrumental in the
21 establishment of the Lake Travis Regional Reuse and Recycling
22 Center in 2015; and

23 WHEREAS, Through her dedication, professionalism, and
24 commitment to excellence, Deborah Gernes has greatly benefited the

1 citizens of Travis County, and she may indeed reflect with pride on
2 her exceptional record of achievement as she embarks on the next
3 exciting chapter of her life; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Deborah S. Gernes on her retirement
6 from Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17
7 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Ms. Gernes as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1549

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1549 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House