

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Donna L. Nelson is retiring as chair of the Public
2 Utility Commission of Texas on May 15, 2017, drawing to a close an
3 exemplary career in public service that has spanned nearly three
4 decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Appointed to the Public Utility Commission by
6 Governor Rick Perry in 2008, Ms. Nelson was named chair three years
7 later, and she was subsequently reappointed by Governor Greg
8 Abbott; over the course of her nine-year tenure, she oversaw the
9 planning and construction of the state's competitive renewable
10 energy zones, a \$7 billion project to foster the competitive
11 development of renewable energy production; moreover, she has
12 fostered free-market principles that have resulted in reliable and
13 affordable utilities for consumers; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Nelson has shared her expertise in the Texas
15 electric market model with colleagues around the world, including
16 counterparts in India and Australia; in addition, she has served in
17 leadership roles with a number of professional organizations, among
18 them the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, the Southwest Power
19 Pool Regional State Committee, and the National Association of
20 Regulatory Utility Commissioners; and

21 WHEREAS, Before joining the commission, Ms. Nelson was a
22 special assistant and advisor to Governor Perry on energy and
23 telecommunications issues, and she assisted the Governor's
24 Competitiveness Council with the preparation of the 2008 Texas

1 State Energy Plan; previously, she served as director of the Public
2 Utility Commission's telecommunications section, as legal advisor
3 to the PUC chair, and as an assistant attorney general; she holds a
4 bachelor's degree from Black Hills State College and a law degree
5 from Texas Tech University; and

6 WHEREAS, Donna Nelson has greatly benefited her fellow Texans
7 through her vision, skill, and dedication as PUC chair, and as she
8 embarks on the next exciting chapter of her life, she may indeed
9 reflect with pride on her long record of outstanding service to the
10 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby honor Donna L. Nelson on the occasion of her
13 retirement as chair of the Public Utility Commission of Texas and
14 that she be extended sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
15 further

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

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H.R. No. 1886

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1886 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House