

By: Button

H.R. No. 1940

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Richard Briley is retiring as managing director of
2 Health and Code Compliance for the City of Garland on June 30, 2017,
3 concluding a distinguished career that has spanned 28 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Dedicated to public and environmental health,
5 Mr. Briley has guided the department with skill, vision, and a
6 spirit of innovation; he has launched a number of effective
7 initiatives, and the risk-based food service inspection
8 methodology he developed and implemented in Garland has been
9 adopted as the national standard used in all U.S. Food and Drug
10 Administration training manuals for health inspectors; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Briley has benefited his profession at the state
12 level in a number of leadership roles; he was an officer of the
13 Texas Environmental Health Association for 15 years and served as
14 president in 2004; in addition, he was president of the Texas
15 Association of Municipal Health Officials and served on the board
16 of the Texas Municipal League; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2009, Mr. Briley assisted State Representative
18 Angie Chen Button with H.B. 1530, transferring licensure of public
19 health mosquito spraying to the Texas Department of Agriculture;
20 the passage of this bill allowed health departments across the
21 state to ramp up mosquito control activities to confront the threat
22 of West Nile, Dengue, and Zika virus outbreaks; Mr. Briley is the
23 author or co-author of numerous journal articles, and he has
24 written several policy opinions at the request of the Office of the

1 Texas Attorney General; among other accolades, he received the 2005
2 I. E. Scott Award, recognizing him as the state's top health
3 professional, and he was awarded a Certificate of Merit from the
4 National Environmental Health Association as one of the nation's
5 top-performing environmental health professionals; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Briley was previously employed by Hunt County
7 for five years as county sanitarian; he holds both a bachelor's and
8 a master's degree in biological sciences from Texas A&M
9 University--Commerce; and

10 WHEREAS, For more than a quarter century, Richard Briley has
11 devoted himself to the health, safety, and well-being of his fellow
12 citizens in Garland and beyond, and his outstanding contributions
13 will continue to resonate in the years to come; now, therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Richard Briley on his retirement as
17 managing director of Health and Code Compliance for the City of
18 Garland and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
19 happiness; and, be it further

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