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H.R. No. 2402

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has greatly benefited from the
2 dedicated efforts of the staff of the Legislative Budget Board
3 during the 85th Texas Legislative Session; and

4 WHEREAS, A permanent joint committee of the Texas
5 Legislature, the LBB develops budget and policy recommendations for
6 legislative appropriations, prepares fiscal analyses for proposed
7 legislation, and evaluates the efficiency and performance of state
8 and local operations; and

9 WHEREAS, Members of the LBB carry out a wide range of
10 responsibilities assigned by statute, including the adoption of a
11 constitutional spending limit and preparation of a General
12 Appropriations Bill draft and budget estimates document; in
13 addition, they conduct comprehensive reviews of school districts'
14 educational, financial, and operational services and programs,
15 prepare fiscal notes and impact statements on proposed legislation,
16 maintain the state contract database for online access by the
17 public, and guide, review, and finalize agency strategic plans; and

18 WHEREAS, Over the course of the session, the LBB supports the
19 legislative appropriations process by providing staff resources
20 for the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance
21 Committee, and the Conference Committee on Appropriations; the LBB
22 also publishes fiscal information and maintains a website that
23 provides budget information and documents; during the interim, the
24 agency offers assistance to standing and special committees and

1 keeps legislators informed about significant budget and
2 performance developments among state agencies; and

3 WHEREAS, Since 2012, the LBB staff has been skillfully guided
4 by director Ursula M. Parks, and she is supported by an outstanding
5 team of assistant directors, Julie Ivie, Sarah Keyton, John
6 McGeady, and Paul Priest; and

7 WHEREAS, The administration and staff of the Legislative
8 Budget Board work tirelessly to ensure the effectiveness and
9 efficiency of Texas state government, and in so doing, they are
10 rendering a vital service to the people of the Lone Star State; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize the Legislative Budget Board and
14 commend its administration and staff for their exemplary work
15 during the 85th Legislative Session; and, be it further

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