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H.R. No. 2527

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jon Weizenbaum will be retiring as commissioner of
2 the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services on August 31,
3 2017, after 13 years of outstanding service to that agency and more
4 than two decades of employment with the State of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Austin, Jon Weizenbaum
6 received master's degrees from The University of Texas at Austin
7 School of Social Work and the LBJ School of Public Affairs; in 1988,
8 he joined the Department of Human Services as a child protective
9 services specialist, and he later gained additional experience in
10 his field while employed as a social worker for the Casey Family
11 Program and as a case manager for AIDS Services of Austin; from 1998
12 to 2002, he worked for the Texas Senate Committee on Health and
13 Human Services, before spending two years with the Texas Commission
14 on Drug and Alcohol Abuse as the director for communications and
15 governmental relations; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Weizenbaum was hired by the Department of Aging
17 and Disability Services in 2004; as director of the Center for
18 Policy and Innovation, he was tasked with overseeing the
19 development, coordination, and direction of policy initiatives and
20 with the improvement of services through quality monitoring and
21 reporting; his impressive work in that role led to his appointment
22 as deputy commissioner in May 2006 and as commissioner of the agency
23 in October 2012; and

24 WHEREAS, This hardworking and highly respected professional

1 is blessed in all his endeavors with the love and support of his
2 wife, Nancy, and his daughters, Camille and Emma; retirement will
3 afford him the opportunity to spend additional time with his family
4 and to pursue his hobbies of cycling, birding, and playing music;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Jon Weizenbaum's vision, dedication, and leadership
7 have greatly benefited the work of the Department of Aging and
8 Disability Services, and he may reflect with pride on all that he
9 has accomplished in behalf of his colleagues and his fellow Texans;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Jon Weizenbaum on his retirement
13 from the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services and
14 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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