

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rod Welsh concluded his tenure as the house
2 sergeant-at-arms on October 31, 2016, drawing to a close more than
3 three decades of exemplary service to the Texas House of
4 Representatives; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Fort Worth and a graduate of The
6 University of Texas, Mr. Welsh first joined the Office of the House
7 Sergeant-at-Arms for the 69th Legislature in 1985, when the chamber
8 was being guided by Speaker Gib Lewis; beginning as assistant
9 sergeant, he was mentored by Sergeant-at-Arms Ron Hinkle and by Ann
10 Harlow, who served the office in a number of capacities through the
11 years; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Welsh went on to hold the positions of
13 doorkeeper and floor supervisor, and he was first appointed as
14 sergeant-at-arms in 1993 for the 73rd Session; over the course of
15 the next quarter century, he became the longest-serving
16 sergeant-at-arms in the history of the Texas Legislature; in
17 addition to Speaker Lewis, he worked for three other speakers, Pete
18 Laney, Tom Craddick, and Joe Straus, each of whom came to rely on
19 his expertise and precise attention to detail; and

20 WHEREAS, During his time as sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Welsh was
21 responsible for maintaining order in the house chamber and meeting
22 rooms, securing the attendance of members, and assisting all house
23 officers in carrying out their administrative duties; he also
24 managed the operations of the sergeant's office, ensuring the

1 success of the day-to-day functions of the chamber; and

2 WHEREAS, Since leaving the house sergeant's office,
3 Mr. Welsh has continued to serve the Lone Star State in his new
4 position as executive director of the State Preservation Board,
5 where he oversees the preservation and maintenance of the Texas
6 Capitol and its grounds, as well as the Governor's Mansion, the
7 Texas State Cemetery, and the Bullock Texas State History Museum;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Rod Welsh's dedication, professionalism, and
10 commitment to public service greatly benefited the members of the
11 Texas House of Representatives as well as all citizens of the Lone
12 Star State, and his contributions are indeed deserving of special
13 recognition; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
15 Legislature hereby commend Rod Welsh for his service to the Office
16 of the House Sergeant-at-Arms and extend to him sincere best wishes
17 for the future; and, be it further

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

Craddick

Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 2534

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2534 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House