

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 448

WHEREAS, Bob L. Townsend is completing his distinguished 16-year tenure on the Richardson City Council in April 2017; and

WHEREAS, First elected in 2001, Bob Townsend was reelected seven times in a row; he has served three terms as mayor pro tem, and from 2011-2013, he was city mayor; in addition, he has been a member of the Audit, Education, and Retail Committees and of the Mayor's Office of International Business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Townsend provided key support for a number of major projects, among them Fire Station 6, the Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts, the CityLine mixed-use development, and renovations to the Heights and Huffhines Recreation Centers; committed to improving transit, he was a crucial advocate for the construction of five Dallas Area Rapid Transit rail stations, four of them now complete, and he served on the Regional Transportation Council and Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition; moreover, he represented the city as a member of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Collin County Mayors, and Metroplex Mayors Association; and

WHEREAS, Long active in the community, Mr. Townsend has been an ex officio member of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce Board and the Leadership Richardson Advisory Board; he further served as president of the Southwest Richardson Homeowners Association and the Richland Meadows Neighborhood Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Townsend was born in Oklahoma and attended the University of Oklahoma and Southeastern Oklahoma State University before going on to earn a master's degree from Southern Methodist University; he was employed in management by

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Texas Instruments for 37 years before his retirement in 1997; in all his endeavors, he enjoys the support and encouragement of his wife, Lynn, and he takes great pride in their three children, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the betterment of Richardson, Bob Townsend has worked tirelessly in behalf of his fellow citizens, and his outstanding contributions have made the city an even better place in which to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby honor Bob L. Townsend for his exemplary service on the Richardson City Council and congratulate him on his retirement; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Townsend as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Taylor of Collin

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate