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H.R. No. 299

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Jon H. Burrows of Temple retired as
2 Bell County judge on December 31, 2018, drawing to a close an
3 outstanding tenure that spanned two decades; and

4 WHEREAS, Judge Burrows was first elected county judge in
5 1998, and he served five terms; providing valuable leadership for a
6 region experiencing dramatic population growth, he played major
7 roles in the construction of the Bell County Justice Center and the
8 Bell County Expo Center Equine/Livestock Complex; he also helped
9 oversee the opening of the Bell County Communications Center and
10 the renovation of the historic county courthouse; and

11 WHEREAS, A past president of the North and East Texas County
12 Judges and Commissioners Association, Judge Burrows has tirelessly
13 advocated for his fellow citizens through his involvement with the
14 National Association of Counties, the Texas Association of
15 Counties, the Texas Conference of Urban Counties, and the Texas
16 Indigent Defense Commission; moreover, he has served as a member of
17 the State Bar of Texas and the Bell County Bar Association and with
18 the Central Texas Council of Governments; and

19 WHEREAS, After receiving a bachelor's degree and a master's
20 degree in music education from the University of Oklahoma, Judge
21 Burrows went on to earn a law degree from The University of Texas at
22 Austin; additionally, he proudly served with the United States Air
23 Force and the U.S. Air Force Reserve, retiring as a colonel; and

24 WHEREAS, The dedication and integrity demonstrated by Jon

1 Burrows have greatly benefited the residents of Bell County and
2 earned him the respect and admiration of his peers, and he may
3 indeed reflect with pride on his many achievements as the county's
4 chief executive officer; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Jon H. Burrows on his retirement as
7 Bell County judge and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
8 future; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Judge Burrows as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.