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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jon Mark Beilue retired from the *Amarillo Globe-News*
2 in July 2018, drawing to a close a remarkable career with the paper
3 that spanned nearly four decades; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of Texas Tech University, Mr. Beilue got
5 his start in journalism while working for the school's paper, the
6 *University Daily*; in June 1981, he joined the staff of the *Amarillo*
7 *Daily News* as a sportswriter, and he was promoted to assistant
8 sports editor in 1986; just three years later, at the age of 30, he
9 was named sports editor, a position he held for the next 17 years;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, In 2006, Mr. Beilue began publishing a popular
12 column for the *Globe-News* three times a week; he crafted thoughtful
13 opinion pieces concerning social and political issues, as well as
14 human interest stories on the beauty and diversity of life in the
15 Texas Panhandle; and

16 WHEREAS, In order to report on new experiences to his
17 readers, this adventurous journalist jumped out of an airplane at
18 10,000 feet over Palo Duro Canyon and posed as a homeless person at
19 a busy intersection in Amarillo; he also shared meaningful moments
20 from his personal life; in 2014, he published a volume of some of
21 his best columns from the *Globe-News* and *Amarillo* magazine,
22 entitled *This Might be a Good Story*, and he has signed on to pen a
23 weekly column for the West Texas A&M University News, sharing his
24 unique insights with the school's students, faculty, and alumni;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Beilue enjoys the love and
3 support of his wife, Sandy, and his two sons, Blake and Chad; and

4 WHEREAS, Blessed with keen intelligence, a lively wit, and an
5 inquiring mind, Jon Mark Beilue has informed and entertained the
6 residents of Amarillo with great skill and dedication for 37 years,
7 and he may indeed take pride in a career well spent as he embarks on
8 the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Jon Mark Beilue on his retirement
11 from the *Amarillo Globe-News* and extend to him sincere best wishes
12 for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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