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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Rob Franke is stepping down as mayor of Cedar Hill in
- 2 2019, drawing to a close an exceptional tenure that has spanned 22
- 3 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mayor Franke began his career as a public official
- 5 in 1994, when he was elected to the Cedar Hill City Council, and he
- 6 went on to become mayor in 1997; during his time in that office, he
- 7 has guided the city through a period of tremendous growth, with the
- 8 population increasing from 23,000 to nearly 50,000 residents and
- 9 the tax base more than tripling; and
- 10 WHEREAS, This highly engaged citizen has further
- 11 distinguished himself through leadership roles with the Regional
- 12 Transportation Council, the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition,
- 13 and the Texas Municipal League, and he has given generously of his
- 14 time and talents to such worthy organizations as the Cedar Hill
- 15 Economic Development Corporation, the Cedar Hill Chamber of
- 16 Commerce, the Northwood University Texas Board of Governors, and
- 17 the Cedar Hill Independent School District Educational Excellence
- 18 Committee; he is also active in a number of faith-based groups,
- 19 including Cedar Hill Church of Christ; and
- WHEREAS, A licensed professional engineer, Mayor Franke has
- 21 founded two successful engineering firms; he holds a degree in
- 22 chemical engineering from Kansas State University and a master's
- 23 degree in dispute resolution and reconciliation from Abilene
- 24 Christian University; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, Rob Franke has proven himself a civic leader of
- 2 great vision and ability, and he is indeed deserving of recognition
- 3 for his efforts to make Cedar Hill an even better place to live and
- 4 work; now, therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
- 6 Legislature hereby commend Rob Franke for his service as mayor of
- 7 Cedar Hill and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;
- 8 and, be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 10 prepared for Mayor Franke as an expression of high regard by the
- 11 Texas House of Representatives.

Sherman, Sr.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 978 was adopted by the House on April 3, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House