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R E S O L U T I O N

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

20 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

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.