

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Peter H. Vargas retired as city manager of Allen on
2 April 30, 2019, concluding an exemplary career that spanned more
3 than four decades in local government; and

4 WHEREAS, Appointed to the position in 1999, Mr. Vargas led
5 Allen through a period of unprecedented growth; as the population
6 nearly tripled, he worked tirelessly to improve infrastructure,
7 guiding the investment of more than \$300 million in capital
8 projects; he simultaneously followed sound fiscal policies that
9 allowed the community to smoothly navigate the fluctuations of the
10 national economy; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Vargas oversaw the adoption of a new strategic
12 planning process, as well as the creation and implementation of a
13 comprehensive land development code; under his leadership, the city
14 entered into effective public-private partnerships and used
15 innovative financing tools to promote economic development; his
16 management team reflected his own calm and consistent style, and he
17 launched the Serving with P.R.I.D.E. employee recognition program
18 to maintain a high level of customer service; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2003, the city received the Community of the Year
20 Award from the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association;
21 Allen was further recognized as one of *Money* magazine's "20 Best
22 Places to Live in America"; moreover, Mr. Vargas was named Public
23 Administrator of the Year by the North Texas Chapter of the American
24 Society for Public Administration; and

1 WHEREAS, This notable North Texan has been an active member
2 of the International City/County Management Association throughout
3 his long tenure in municipal government; previously, he served the
4 City of Dallas as executive director of the Trinity River Corridor
5 Project, and he was city manager of Laredo; he first entered public
6 service as a Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay and went on to work
7 in Colorado for the cities of Englewood and Arvada; a graduate of
8 the University of Northern Colorado, he also holds a master's
9 degree in public administration from the University of Colorado
10 Denver; and

11 WHEREAS, Through his vision, skill, and commitment to
12 excellence, Peter Vargas contributed immeasurably to the high
13 quality of life enjoyed by Allen residents, and as he embarks on the
14 next exciting chapter of his life, he may indeed reflect with pride
15 on a career well spent; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Peter H. Vargas on his retirement
18 as Allen city manager and extend to him sincere best wishes for
19 continued happiness; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mr. Vargas as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1568

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1568 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House