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H.R. No. 1568

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.