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H.R. No. 19

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Don Baird retired as mayor of Colmesneil on June 21,
2 2021, following 19 years of exemplary service in that office; and

3 WHEREAS, First elected by an overwhelming majority in 2002,
4 Mayor Baird would go on to win reelection nine times; he played a
5 key role in securing a number of significant grants for
6 infrastructure, beautification, and initiatives in behalf of
7 youth, seniors, and others; in addition, he partnered with a Tyler
8 County commissioner to create Emergency Services District No. 7 to
9 house the city's volunteer fire department; over the course of his
10 long tenure, he guided the city through three major hurricanes,
11 floods, and droughts; and

12 WHEREAS, Mayor Baird set an example of calm, thoughtful
13 leadership, and he has been a friend and mentor to many; among
14 numerous accolades, he received the 2015 Citizen of the Year award
15 from the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce, and in 2018, on his 90th
16 birthday, he received a proclamation from U.S. Congressman Brian
17 Babin; and

18 WHEREAS, A veteran of the United States Navy, Mr. Baird
19 served for two years on the city council before his successful
20 mayoral campaign; he has long been active in the community and in
21 his church, and each year, he and his wife, Barbara, delight local
22 residents with elaborate Christmas displays at their home; and

23 WHEREAS, Don Baird greatly benefited his fellow citizens
24 through nearly two decades of dedicated service, and his

1 contributions will be remembered and admired for years to come;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
4 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Don Baird for his
5 service as mayor of Colmesneil and extend to him sincere best wishes
6 for continued happiness; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Mayor Baird as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.