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H.R. No. 6

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, 2nd 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.