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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Michael Lee retired as director of engineering and
- 2 safety operations for the Texas Department of Transportation on
- 3 July 31, 2021, drawing to a close an outstanding tenure with the
- 4 agency that spanned nearly 24 years; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee earned a bachelor's degree in petroleum
- 6 engineering from Texas A&M University in 1988 and began his career
- 7 by running his own water well firm in Northeast Texas; he first
- 8 joined TxDOT in 1997 as an engineering assistant, and over the
- 9 years, he has held a variety of positions, including transportation
- 10 engineer, area engineer for San Augustine and Nacogdoches, and
- 11 director of operations for the Paris District; and
- 12 WHEREAS, In 2014, Mr. Lee was named director of the
- 13 Maintenance Division, where he cultivated a culture that emphasized
- 14 customer service, collaboration, and accountability, and in 2017,
- 15 he took on his most recent role as director of engineering and
- 16 safety operations; his myriad contributions to the agency have
- 17 helped TxDOT to become a national model in responding to
- 18 emergencies and severe weather events; and
- 19 WHEREAS, With his professionalism, leadership, and
- 20 commitment to excellence, Michael Lee has earned the lasting
- 21 respect and admiration of his colleagues, and he may indeed reflect
- 22 with pride on his many accomplishments as he begins the next
- 23 exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it
- 24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas

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- 1 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Michael Lee on
- 2 his retirement as the Texas Department of Transportation director
- 3 of engineering and safety operations and extend to him sincere best
- 4 wishes for the future; and, be it further
- 5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 6 prepared for Mr. Lee as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 7 House of Representatives.