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H.R. No. 288

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Karey W. Barton is retiring from the Texas
2 Comptroller of Public Accounts in 2021, drawing to a close a notable
3 career as a tax professional in the public and private sectors that
4 has spanned more than three and a half decades; and

5 WHEREAS, After attending San Antonio College, Mr. Barton
6 earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics at Texas A&M
7 University in 1984; the following year, he joined the Texas
8 Comptroller's office, where over the next 14 years he rose through
9 the ranks to hold several senior positions, including director and
10 manager of tax policy; and

11 WHEREAS, From February 2000 to November 2005, Mr. Barton was
12 a partner at Barton Shoemate Consulting and provided state and
13 local tax services to his clients; he returned to the public sector
14 from November 2005 to May 2006 as tax director for the Texas Tax
15 Reform Commission; he went on to work for a small tax consulting
16 firm before becoming a director and principal at Ryan, a national
17 tax consultancy, where he specialized in multistate income and
18 franchise tax services, and from 2013 to 2014, he ran his own
19 business, Barton State Tax Consulting and Legislative Analysis; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Barton rejoined the Texas Comptroller's office
21 in January 2015 as associate deputy comptroller for tax, and his
22 responsibilities included tax policy, taxpayer assistance,
23 auditing, enforcement, and criminal investigations; he also
24 oversaw the processing of tax returns and payments, electronic

1 filing, taxpayer account maintenance, and other functions; and

2 WHEREAS, Engaged in his professional community, Mr. Barton
3 is a popular speaker for the Institute for Professionals in
4 Taxation, the Council on State Taxation, and seminars of the Texas
5 Society of Certified Public Accountants; in 2020, he received the
6 Harley T. Duncan Award of Leadership and Service from the
7 Federation of Tax Administrators; and

8 WHEREAS, Karey Barton's skill and dedication have greatly
9 benefited his fellow Texans and earned him the respect and
10 admiration of his peers, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a
11 career well spent as he embarks upon the next exciting chapter of
12 his life; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
14 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Karey Barton
15 on his retirement from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and
16 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. Barton as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.