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By:  Buckley H.R. No. 416

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Harker Heights Assistant City Manager Jerry Bark has received the 2021 Dan Whitworth Fellow Award from the Texas Recreation and Park Society; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1937, TRAPS works to advance the parks, recreation, and leisure services profession through connection, advocacy, resources, and education; each year, the organization presents the Dan Whitworth Fellow Award, its highest honor, to an individual who has demonstrated at least a decade of outstanding service to the parks and recreation field; and

WHEREAS, Prior to becoming the assistant city manager for Harker Heights in 2018, Jerry Bark served as the first director of the Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Department; during his 25-year tenure, the department grew from three small neighborhood parks to two community facilities and more than 190 acres of dedicated parkland; for many years, he was also the TRAPS Legislative Committee Chair, and he played a vital role in supporting legislation to secure funding for Texas parks through sales tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Bark has made significant contributions to advancing the mission of the Texas Recreation and Park Society, and he is truly deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Jerry Bark on receiving the 2021 Dan Whitworth Fellow Award from the Texas Recreation and Park Society and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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