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H.R. No. 12

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Tommy Joe Turner of Austin retired as a caseworker
2 with Travis County Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on
3 September 30, 2020, drawing to a close 16 years of exemplary
4 service; and

5 WHEREAS, Hired in 2004, Mr. Turner worked tirelessly in
6 behalf of the TCSDHH mission to provide support and advocacy for
7 people who are deaf and hard of hearing; throughout his tenure, he
8 distinguished himself as a respected member of the agency's staff,
9 and he earned the trust and esteem of his clients, many of whom he
10 served for more than 15 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner was known for going above and beyond to
12 meet the individual needs of his clients, often making himself
13 available outside of regular business hours; he assisted them in
14 achieving greater independence by teaching self-advocacy and other
15 necessary skills, such as techniques for budgeting and shopping as
16 well as navigating public transport; moreover, he organized small
17 social gatherings for individuals, helping to bolster their
18 interpersonal skills and foster meaningful relationships; and

19 WHEREAS, Prior to his tenure with TCSDHH, Mr. Turner held
20 positions with the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
21 and the Texas Department of Health; and

22 WHEREAS, Tom Turner has long demonstrated an impressive
23 dedication to the highest standards of his profession and an
24 outstanding commitment to serving Texans with disabilities, and his

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

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Tommy Joe Turner on his retirement
5 from Travis County Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and
6 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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