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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, David Warren Wallace retired as Sutton County  
2 attorney in 2020, drawing to a close a remarkable tenure with the  
3 county that spanned three and a half decades; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Sonora and a fourth-generation rancher  
5 in Sutton County, David Wallace earned a bachelor's degree in  
6 petroleum land management from The University of Texas at Austin in  
7 1978 and a law degree from South Texas College of Law in 1982;  
8 returning to his hometown, he served as city attorney and assistant  
9 district attorney before becoming Sutton County attorney on January  
10 1, 1985; and

11           WHEREAS, Having been in office for 35 years, Mr. Wallace  
12 became one of the longest-serving county attorneys in the Lone Star  
13 State; he has also maintained a successful private practice in oil  
14 and gas law, and he is well-known as a litigator on behalf of  
15 mineral rights owners; in addition, he is a former council member of  
16 the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section of the State Bar of  
17 Texas as well as a member of the Texas District and County Attorneys  
18 Association; and

19           WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace has often made presentations to energy  
20 conferences as well as to conferences of the State Bar of Texas and  
21 the National Association of Royalty Owners (NARO), and he has  
22 published articles about oil and gas law and spoken about oil and  
23 mineral rights before many organizations and in academic settings;  
24 he has also served as a director of NARO and the Mohair Council of

1 America and as a board member of The Bank & Trust and Westex  
2 Bancorp, Inc.; and

3 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Wallace has benefited from  
4 the love and support of his wife, Elizabeth, as well as that of  
5 their two sons, Wilson and Warren; a leader in his community, he is  
6 a member of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, the Sonora  
7 Lions Club, and St. John's Episcopal Church; and

8 WHEREAS, David Wallace's dedication, expertise, and  
9 commitment to the law have greatly benefited the citizens of Sutton  
10 County and earned him the respect and admiration of his peers, and  
11 he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he  
12 embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be  
13 it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby congratulate David Warren Wallace on his  
16 retirement as Sutton County attorney and extend to him sincere best  
17 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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