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H.R. No. 255

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Tom Wilkinson Jr. is retiring as executive director
2 of the Brazos Valley Council of Governments on March 31, 2021,
3 drawing to a close an exceptional tenure that has spanned nearly
4 three decades; and

5 WHEREAS, One of only two executive directors in the history
6 of the Brazos Valley Council of Governments, Tom Wilkinson has
7 served at its helm since 1993; he oversees 24 planning regions and
8 seven counties and will remain involved with BVCOG as a consultant
9 until spring 2022; he joined the council as assistant executive
10 director in 1991 after having presided over the Burleson County
11 Savings Association for a decade; he is known for his sound fiscal
12 management, and under his leadership the BVCOG has received the
13 Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement
14 for Excellence in Financial Reporting on multiple occasions; and

15 WHEREAS, Dedicated to the equitable distribution of
16 resources, Mr. Wilkinson has played a vital role in the creation of
17 a rural broadband network, the implementation of a regional
18 geographic information system, and the founding of the Brazos
19 Valley Affordable Housing Corporation and the Brazos Valley
20 Community Development Corporation; further, he is directing a
21 regional fiber optic project to bring telehealth to rural areas;
22 among many initiatives, he helped guide the County Indigent Health
23 Care Program and a revolving loan fund for business development,
24 and he provided support to a housing choice voucher program; and

1 WHEREAS, Widely respected, Mr. Wilkinson has received the
2 highest accolades from the Texas Association and National
3 Association of Regional Councils; in recognition of his many civic
4 contributions, he was named Boss of the Year by the Brazos Valley
5 Better Business Bureau and as a Community Foundation of the Brazos
6 Valley Tribute Luncheon honoree; and

7 WHEREAS, Tom Wilkinson's dedication, professionalism, and
8 commitment to excellence have greatly benefited the residents of
9 the Brazos Valley, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a job
10 well done; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Tom Wilkinson Jr. on his retirement
13 as executive director of the Brazos Valley Council of Governments
14 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
15 further

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