

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Gary C. Thomas is retiring as president and  
2 executive director of Dallas Area Rapid Transit, concluding an  
3 exemplary career with the organization that has spanned more than  
4 two decades; and

5           WHEREAS, In 1998, Mr. Thomas joined DART as senior vice  
6 president of project management, and he was named president and  
7 executive director in 2001; his innovative leadership has been  
8 instrumental in numerous initiatives, including a major expansion  
9 of the DART light rail system, which is the longest of its kind in  
10 the nation; he also adopted policies that furthered development  
11 projects near DART stations, an approach that has helped strengthen  
12 the local economy; other highlights of his tenure include the  
13 establishment of a clean fuels program for the agency's bus fleet as  
14 well as multiple improvements to public transit technologies and  
15 services; and

16           WHEREAS, Before being hired by DART, Mr. Thomas compiled 18  
17 years of experience as a consulting engineer; he was initially  
18 employed by Black & Veatch, and he went on to excel in several  
19 managerial positions for Lockwood, Andrews & Newman, where he began  
20 working on DART-related projects in 1986; and

21           WHEREAS, A highly respected figure in his field, Mr. Thomas  
22 has served in prominent roles in a number of professional  
23 organizations, including the South West Transit Association, the  
24 Transportation Research Board, and the American Public

1 Transportation Association; a graduate of Texas Tech University,  
2 where he earned bachelor's degrees in architecture and civil  
3 engineering, he is the recipient of the Distinguished Engineer  
4 Award from the university's Whitacre College of Engineering; and

5 WHEREAS, Gary Thomas's expertise and vision have enabled DART  
6 to develop effective transportation solutions in an era of immense  
7 growth for the Metroplex, and his achievements will continue to  
8 benefit area residents and businesses for many years to come; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Gary C. Thomas on his retirement as  
12 the president and executive director of Dallas Area Rapid Transit  
13 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it  
14 further

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

Sherman, Sr.

H.R. No. 312

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 312 was adopted by the House on March 25, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House