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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.