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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Harker Heights Assistant City Manager Jerry Bark has  
2 received the 2021 Dan Whitworth Fellow Award from the Texas  
3 Recreation and Park Society; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1937, TRAPS works to advance the parks,  
5 recreation, and leisure services profession through connection,  
6 advocacy, resources, and education; each year, the organization  
7 presents the Dan Whitworth Fellow Award, its highest honor, to an  
8 individual who has demonstrated at least a decade of outstanding  
9 service to the parks and recreation field; and

10 WHEREAS, Prior to becoming the assistant city manager for  
11 Harker Heights in 2018, Jerry Bark served as the first director of  
12 the Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Department; during his  
13 25-year tenure, the department grew from three small neighborhood  
14 parks to two community facilities and more than 190 acres of  
15 dedicated parkland; for many years, he was also the TRAPS  
16 Legislative Committee Chair, and he played a vital role in  
17 supporting legislation to secure funding for Texas parks through  
18 sales tax revenues; and

19 WHEREAS, Jerry Bark has made significant contributions to  
20 advancing the mission of the Texas Recreation and Park Society, and  
21 he is truly deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be  
22 it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Jerry Bark on receiving the 2021

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1 Dan Whitworth Fellow Award from the Texas Recreation and Park  
2 Society and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and,  
3 be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Mr. Bark as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
6 House of Representatives.