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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, San Antonio district engineer Mario Jorge retired 2 from the Texas Department of Transportation at the end of December 3 2020, drawing to a close more than 36 years of outstanding service 4 to the agency; and

5 WHEREAS, After emigrating from Cuba, Mario Jorge went on to earn his bachelor's degree in engineering from The University of 6 7 Texas; he first worked for TxDOT as a summer employee in the Pharr District in 1983, and in June 1984, he joined the agency full-time, 8 serving as a construction inspector and roadway designer in the 9 Collin County office of the Dallas District; returning to the Pharr 10 11 District soon thereafter, he worked in roadway and bridge design 12 and construction management and was appointed area engineer in 1993; and 13

14 WHEREAS, In January 2002, Mr. Jorge was promoted to district engineer, and during his 11-year tenure in that role, he oversaw the 15 16 expansion of more than 100 miles of interstate highway, as well as several important international projects; since 2013, he has served 17 as district engineer in San Antonio, where he has played a leading 18 role in such major projects as the expansion of U.S. 281, 19 Interstate 10 west and east, and Loop 1604, as well as the I-35 20 Northeast Expansion Central Project; and 21

22 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Jorge enjoys the love and 23 support of his wife, Elsa, as well as that of his three sons; and 24 WHEREAS, Mario Jorge's dedication, expertise, and commitment

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to excellence have greatly benefited the people of Texas and earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues, and he may indeed take well-deserved pride in his exceptional record of achievement; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas 6 Legislature hereby congratulate Mario Jorge on his retirement from 7 the Texas Department of Transportation and extend to him sincere 8 best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 10 prepared for Mr. Jorge as an expression of high regard by the Texas 11 House of Representatives.