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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ricardo Castañeda of New Braunfels retired from the  
2 Texas Department of Transportation on October 31, 2019, concluding  
3 what he had termed his 36th year of summer employment; and

4 WHEREAS, Hired by TxDOT in 1982 as a summer intern in New  
5 Braunfels, Rick Castañeda went on to complete his bachelor's degree  
6 in civil engineering at The University of Texas at Austin, and in  
7 1993, he was licensed as a professional engineer; he joined the  
8 agency's San Antonio District and worked on numerous  
9 design/construction and maintenance projects before moving on to  
10 the Turnpike Authority, where he was involved in various toll  
11 projects, among them SH 130; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Castañeda transferred to the San Antonio  
13 District's Seguin Area Office in 2002, and three years later, he was  
14 named director of transportation operations, with oversight of all  
15 the district's traffic and maintenance operations; following his  
16 appointment as deputy district engineer in 2014, he took on  
17 day-to-day management of project development, construction,  
18 operations, and any challenges that arose; through the years, he  
19 demonstrated exceptional skill and expertise while also building  
20 warm relationships and promoting collegiality, and his enthusiasm  
21 for TxDOT and its mission provided new hires with a positive  
22 introduction to the agency; and

23 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Castañeda has enjoyed the  
24 love and support of his treasured family, including his wife,

1 Yvette, and their four children, Andres and his wife, Victoria,  
2 Carlos, Cesar, and Araceli; and

3 WHEREAS, Through his leadership, professionalism, and  
4 commitment to excellence, Rick Castañeda set an example to which  
5 all may aspire, and his contributions to the agency will continue to  
6 resonate in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Ricardo Castañeda on his  
9 retirement from the Texas Department of Transportation and extend  
10 to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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