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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Kevin Brady of The Woodlands is
2 retiring from the United States House of Representatives following
3 his 13th term in office, drawing to a close an exemplary political
4 career spanning more than three decades; and

5 WHEREAS, One of the most senior members of the Texas
6 delegation, Representative Brady was first elected to Congress in
7 1996; he was appointed to the powerful House Ways and Means
8 Committee and rose to become chair; designated by the House speaker
9 to negotiate an end to the 40-year ban on selling U.S. crude oil
10 overseas, he accomplished that crucial step towards energy
11 independence; he led sweeping reform of the nation's tax code, and
12 his successful initiatives also included the first reform of the
13 IRS in two decades and the elimination of the Affordable Care Act
14 individual mandate and the three largest ACA taxes; in addition, he
15 was instrumental in making permanent the Research & Development tax
16 credit and in the passage of the Family Savings Act and a national
17 ban on surprise medical bills; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Brady played a key role in the
19 passage of numerous trade agreements, most notably the United
20 States-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement; moreover, he was the White
21 House point person for the Central American trade agreement, and in
22 2016, he authored an important post-9/11 reform of trade rules to
23 speed up secure, legal trade across U.S. borders; among many
24 leadership positions, he served as chair of the Joint Committee on

1 Taxation and of the Ways and Means Subcommittees on Health Care and
2 Trade; he has been recognized by such organizations as Watchdogs of
3 the Treasury and Citizens Against Government Waste, and he has been
4 repeatedly honored for his efforts in behalf of taxpayers, small
5 businesses, and seniors; and

6 WHEREAS, Previously, Representative Brady served for six
7 years in the Texas House of Representatives; he was instrumental in
8 securing passage of legislation that created the Town Center
9 Improvement District in The Woodlands as a special purpose
10 government unit, which provided economic development services,
11 including a convention center and other amenities; TCID later
12 expanded to cover the entire Woodlands under a new name, The
13 Woodlands Township; dedicated to the prosperity of The Woodlands,
14 Representative Brady was president of The Woodlands Area Chamber of
15 Commerce from 1985 to 1996; he holds a bachelor's degree from the
16 University of South Dakota, which acknowledged him as one of its
17 Distinguished Alumni; and

18 WHEREAS, A champion of families, free enterprise, free trade,
19 and the vitality of the small business community, Kevin Brady has
20 greatly benefited his fellow Texans through his vision, expertise,
21 and deep commitment to public service, and as he looks forward to
22 the next exciting chapter of his life, he may indeed reflect with
23 pride on his contributions as a lawmaker; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
25 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Kevin Brady on his
26 retirement from the United States House of Representatives and
27 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Congressman Brady as an expression of high regard by
3 the Texas House of Representatives.