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H.R. No. 1449

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, James M. Bass is retiring as executive director of  
2 the Texas Department of Transportation on May 31, 2021, drawing to a  
3 close an exceptional career with the agency that has spanned more  
4 than three and a half decades; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Bass has served at the helm of TxDOT since  
6 January 2016; among his major accomplishments, he has overseen the  
7 creation and maintenance of nearly 200,000 lane miles of roads,  
8 managed the issuance of over \$24 billion in bonds for a variety of  
9 programs, and collaborated with regional, state, and federal  
10 agencies in creating a wide range of multimodal transportation  
11 solutions; and

12           WHEREAS, In 1985, Mr. Bass began his career with the agency  
13 as a summertime employee in the Fort Worth District; he next worked  
14 as an engineering aide in the Austin District, and in 1997 he was  
15 promoted to budget and forecasting manager; two years later, he  
16 became director of the finance division; he was named chief  
17 financial officer in 2005, a title he held for more than a decade  
18 until his promotion to executive director; Mr. Bass holds an  
19 accounting degree from The University of Texas at Austin; following  
20 his retirement, he will take on a new role as executive director of  
21 the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority; and

22           WHEREAS, The dedication, professionalism, and  
23 forward-thinking leadership demonstrated by James Bass in his  
24 outstanding tenure at TxDOT have greatly benefited his fellow

1 Texans, and he may indeed take well-deserved pride in his  
2 exceptional record of achievement as he embarks on the next  
3 exciting chapter of his career; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate James M. Bass on his retirement as  
6 executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation and  
7 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
8 further

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