

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46

WHEREAS, Chris Brown of Sulphur Springs concluded his tenure as executive director of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments on September 8, 2023, after nearly a decade of outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, Since joining the ATCOG board in 2002, Mr. Brown benefited the organization in a number of capacities, including as a member of the executive committee and as treasurer, and he took office as executive director on January 2, 2014; he has further distinguished himself as a board member of the National Association of Development Organizations, which he currently serves as first vice president; along the way, he has ably led the Ark-Tex Regional Development Company, the Northeast Texas Economic Development District, the rural and urban Transit Districts, and the Regional Transportation Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan entered public service when he became a member of the Sulphur Springs Planning and Zoning Commission Board; in 2002, he was elected to the city council, and over the course of his tenure, he completed terms as mayor and mayor pro tempore; he went on to serve as Hopkins County Judge from 2011 to 2014; in addition, he has been involved in numerous other civic organizations and boards, including the Hopkins County Hospital District, the Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce, and the Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization; he recently accepted the position of executive director of the Sulphur Springs Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown is a partner and cofounder of RE/MAX Advanced in Sulphur Springs, and he has been involved in both commercial and residential development; he holds a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University-Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Through his dedication, leadership, and expertise, Chris Brown has greatly advanced the important mission of ATCOG, and he has earned the lasting respect and admiration of his colleagues and fellow Texans alike; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Chris Brown on his retirement as executive director of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Brown as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 26, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate