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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Chris Brown of Sulphur Springs concluded his tenure
2 as executive director of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments on
3 September 8, 2023, after nearly a decade of outstanding service;
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5 WHEREAS, Since joining the ATCOG board in 2002, Mr. Brown
6 benefited the organization in a number of capacities, including as
7 a member of the executive committee and as treasurer, and he took
8 office as executive director on January 2, 2014; he has further
9 distinguished himself as a board member of the National Association
10 of Development Organizations, which he currently serves as first
11 vice president; along the way, he has ably led the Ark-Tex Regional
12 Development Company, the Northeast Texas Economic Development
13 District, the rural and urban Transit Districts, and the Regional
14 Transportation Planning Organization; and

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

1 Development Corporation; and

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

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

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

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Brown as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 Senate.