

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 72

WHEREAS, Ray Wilson is retiring as district director in the office of State Senator Bryan Hughes on January 31, 2024, drawing to a close an exemplary career in public service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson has extensive experience in the legislative community; he has worked for Senator Hughes for many years and began his career as a staff member during the legislator's tenure in the Texas House; deeply respected throughout East Texas, Mr. Wilson has built strong relationships with numerous government and business leaders and community stakeholders; moreover, he is a gifted communicator who has served as a featured speaker at events across the region; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Mr. Wilson's wide-ranging abilities have also been demonstrated in positions with State Senator Kevin Eltife and State Representatives David Simpson and Chris Paddie; in addition, he has worked in insurance and investments and has been employed at Vision America and the Sabine Valley Regional MHMR Center in Longview; and

WHEREAS, A native of Hawkins, Densal Ray Wilson graduated from East Texas Baptist College in 1981, and he has distinguished himself during a long career in the ministry; renowned for his kind and gentle nature and his embodiment of Christian values, he has been a pastor at Light of the World Church in Marshall for 17 years, and he previously pastored Agape Family Church for 13 years; and

WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Wilson benefits from the love and support of a fine family that includes his wife, Terri, his children and their spouses, Tim and Jacie Wilson, Ben

and Brandy Wilson, and Aaron and Alisha Wilson, and his grandchildren, Bentley, Weston, Cruz, Ava, Jhett, Zoey, Watson, Lorelai, and Gabriel; retirement will afford him the opportunity to spend more time with his loved ones and to focus on his ministerial work; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed public employee has performed his duties as district director with skill and dedication, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his many years of exceptional service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Ray Wilson on his retirement as district director in the office of State Senator Bryan Hughes 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. Wilson 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 December 5, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate