

By: Hughes

S.R. No. 72

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Wilson benefits from

1 the love and support of a fine family that includes his wife, Terri,
2 his children and their spouses, Tim and Jacie Wilson, Ben and Brandy
3 Wilson, and Aaron and Alisha Wilson, and his grandchildren,
4 Bentley, Weston, Cruz, Ava, Jhett, Zoey, Watson, Lorelai, and
5 Gabriel; retirement will afford him the opportunity to spend more
6 time with his loved ones and to focus on his ministerial work; and

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

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 4th
12 Called Session, hereby congratulate Ray Wilson on his retirement as
13 district director in the office of State Senator Bryan Hughes and
14 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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