



## The State of Texas House of Representatives

H.R. No. 89

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, In response to an impending population boom, the City of Terrell has developed an impressive model for planned development that is gaining wide recognition; and

WHEREAS, Terrell currently is home to about 16,000 people, but more than 50,000 new residents are expected to settle there by 2025, and the population increase will result in the construction of about 22,000 new homes; city officials are meeting this incredible challenge with an innovative plan to encourage desirable development while avoiding tax hikes and curbing runaway growth that would diminish the character of the historic rural community; and

WHEREAS, Through the use of special district laws, area leaders have designated approximately 11,000 presently undeveloped acres for the master plan and are working to ensure that new housing, infrastructure, and commercial ventures in the area will continue to reflect high standards and that resources will be available to meet the increased demand for services; and

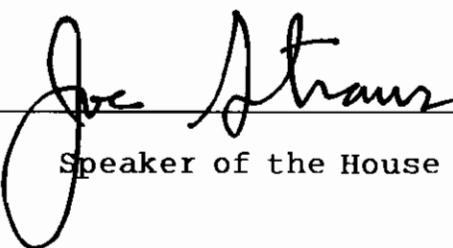
WHEREAS, The Terrell city design model of regional cooperation, intergovernmental partnerships, and prudent financial arrangements has been the subject of articles in national publications, including *Nation's Cities Weekly*, which printed an article by Terrell city manager Torry Edwards in the February 9, 2009, issue, and *Public Works Management and Policy*, which included a case study about Terrell in 2007; additionally, Mayor Hal Richards has been invited to a north central Texas regional mayor's conference to present the Terrell design model as a "best business practice"; and

WHEREAS, The visionary, thoughtful approach the city has taken in preparing for the challenges and opportunities of population growth will greatly benefit area residents in the years to come and has set high standards for other communities to emulate, and Terrell civic leaders merit high praise for their notable accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

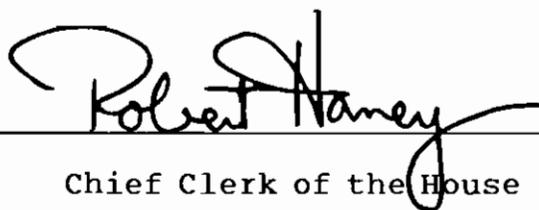
RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the City of Terrell on the national recognition received by its exemplary model for sustainable development and commend all those involved in the innovative planning efforts for their outstanding contributions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the City of Terrell as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 89 was adopted by the House on July 2, 2009, by a non-record vote.

  
Chief Clerk of the House



  
Betty Brown  
State Representative  
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