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H.R. No. 499

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gary Pitner of Amarillo retired from the Panhandle
2 Regional Planning Commission in the fall of 2017, drawing to a close
3 a distinguished career in public service that spanned 40 years; and

4 WHEREAS, The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission is an
5 association that assists local governments in planning and
6 implementing programs of benefit to citizens of the region;
7 Mr. Pitner began working for the commission in 1977 as a college
8 intern while attending West Texas A&M University; he graduated with
9 a degree in public administration the following year and went on to
10 hold a number of positions on the staff before being named executive
11 director in 1985; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Pitner has also served as an officer of the
13 Texas Association of Regional Councils Board of Directors, as chair
14 of the Texas Executive Director's Council, as president of the
15 Texas Regional Planning Commission Employee Benefit Plan Agency,
16 and as a member of the Panhandle Twenty/20 board; and

17 WHEREAS, This lifelong Texan has further contributed to the
18 Amarillo community through his work as founding president of the
19 Amarillo Local Government Corporation and through his leadership
20 roles with the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, the Amarillo
21 Historical Preservation Foundation, and the Amarillo Tomorrow Fund
22 Board of Directors; he has also served on the West Texas A&M
23 University College of Education and Social Sciences Advisory Board
24 and the Northwest Texas Healthcare System Board of Governors; and

1 WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. Pitner has received numerous
2 honors, including the Al J. Notzon Award for Outstanding Regional
3 Council Executive Director, the Downtown Amarillo Spearhead Award,
4 and the *Amarillo Globe-News* Man of the Year Award; in all his
5 endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his wife, Linda, and
6 their son, Collin; and

7 WHEREAS, A committed champion of the Panhandle and its
8 residents, Gary Pitner may reflect with pride on all that he has
9 accomplished in their behalf, and his contributions will benefit
10 area Texans for years to come; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Gary Pitner on his retirement from
13 the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and extend to him
14 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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