

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Since officially taking command on July 3, 2014, David P. Higgeson continues to serve with utmost distinction and integrity as the director of field operations for the Laredo Field Office of U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Higgeson is a graduate of St. John Military Academy and a veteran of the U.S. Army, and in 1971, he began his career in government service when he joined Canal Zone Customs in the Panama Canal Zone; since then, his assignments have included port director for Hidalgo-Pharr, the fourth largest port of entry along the United States-Mexico border, and acting director of field operations (DFO) for Laredo; and

WHEREAS, From 2007 to 2012, Mr. Higgeson was the DFO in Tucson, Arizona, and he went on to serve in El Paso from 2012 to 2014, first as acting DFO and then as DFO; as the new director of field operations in Laredo, this outstanding public servant oversees the importation of nearly \$143 billion in merchandise through eight ports of entry from Brownsville to Del Rio, thus safeguarding and promoting the growth of Texas commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Higgeson has been recognized with numerous awards and commendations by a number of institutions, including the World Customs Organization; in all his endeavors, he has enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Maria Teresa Higgeson, and his five children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Higgeson's tireless and continuous commitments to anti-terrorism efforts and the protection of commerce have greatly contributed to the effective defense of the Texas border and helped to ensure the security of our nation and the great state of Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That David P. Higgeson be commended for more than four decades of exemplary service to the federal government and that he be extended sincere best wishes for continued success with his important work.

Terry Canales
State Representative
District 40