

Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: July 24, 3012

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Approve proclamation recognizing Joe Harlow upon his retirement and 13 years of dedicated service.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Travis County Commissioners Court



Resolution

WHEREAS, service, dedication, and commitment, and compassion should always be recognized: and

WHEREAS, Joe Harlow has spent the last thirteen years in service to the residents and employees of Travis County through his performance in the Information Technology Services Department.

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated his commitment to service and to his duties in a fashion that has made him known and respected by his peers and technology users of Travis County.

WHEREAS, his efforts have successfully helped guide, and pulled Travis County from shadow to the light with technological advances such as (but not limited to):

- First Integrated Courts Case Management System in the Country and served as a model to State and local agencies.
- Personal computers on all desks with secured network infrastructure and server based print and file system.
- Secure internet connection and infrastructure.
- Brought in the "854" telephone system exchange for Travis County offices.
- Established and expanded the Travis County Internet and Intranet.
- Expanded the high speed network to many Travis County facilities
- Hundreds of applications developed for departments and constituents such as I-Jury, Mobile Computing for Public Safety, Court e-Filings, and Web services for both departments and the citizens of Travis County.
- Conversion of email systems from Group Wise to Exchange.
- Leading the effort to transition to a state of the art Data Center.

WHEREAS, he transition the department and the staffs attitude from just delivering technology to Travis County Department and Offices to delivering Services to Travis County Departments and Offices. As a reflection of this leadership ITS no longer stands for Information Telecommunication Systems, but Information Technology <u>SERVICES</u>.

WHEREAS, Joe is retiring from county service and is beginning a new era of life.

Commissioner, Precinct 2

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Travis County Commissioners Court of the State of Texas gratefully recognizes the contributions of Joe Harlow, Jr. to the residents and employees of Travis County and wishes him continuing success in his much deserved retirement.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY, 2012

	Samuel T. Biscoe County Judge	
Ron Davis Commissioner, Precinct 1		Karen Huber Commissioner, Precinct 3
Sarah Eckhardt		Margaret J. Gomez

Commissioner, Precinct 4