

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, For more than half a century, James Fuller has  
2 dedicated himself to the advancement of education and civil rights  
3 in West Texas through his work as an educator, administrator, and  
4 member of the Midland school board; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of San Angelo, Mr. Fuller received his  
6 early education in segregated schools, and after serving in the  
7 U.S. Marine Corps, he earned an associate's degree from San Angelo  
8 College, a bachelor's degree from North Texas State University, and  
9 a master's degree from Texas Tech University; and

10           WHEREAS, Over the course of his exemplary 52-year career,  
11 Mr. Fuller has been a champion for equality of opportunity and fair  
12 access to education; he taught for the Lubbock Independent School  
13 District and for Midland College, where he was an English professor  
14 for more than four decades; he also served the college as  
15 coordinator of the Professional Development and Teaching and  
16 Learning Center, director of the Campus Writing Lab, and assistant  
17 director of Developmental Studies; and

18           WHEREAS, In 1988, Mr. Fuller was elected to the board of  
19 trustees of Midland ISD, and he served for 33 years, becoming the  
20 longest-tenured Black elected official in the city's history; he  
21 has been active as well with the Federation of Citizens United to  
22 Serve, Habitat for Humanity, Leadership Midland, the Midland  
23 African American Roots Historical/Cultural Arts Council, the  
24 Midland African American Chamber of Entrepreneurs, and the NAACP;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Fuller's numerous awards include the Good  
3 Samaritan Award for Outstanding Community Service, an honorary life  
4 membership in the National PTA, the Community Service Award of the  
5 Midland chapter of the Links, Inc., the Premier Citizen Award from  
6 the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club of Midland, and  
7 the Community Service Award from the Midland branch of the NAACP,  
8 among others; and

9 WHEREAS, A certified lay preacher, Mr. Fuller has been the  
10 pastor of the Visionary Hollowell United Methodist Church, a  
11 delegate to the UMC Northwest Texas Annual Conference, and an  
12 officer of St. Mark's United Methodist Church; throughout his life,  
13 he has worked alongside his wife of nearly 60 years, Robbyne Hocker  
14 Fuller, Midland's first licensed Black real estate agent, and  
15 together they have championed African American art, culture, and  
16 business; and

17 WHEREAS, James Fuller's dedication, drive, and passion for  
18 justice have earned him the lasting respect and admiration of the  
19 citizens of Midland, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his  
20 outstanding record of achievement; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas  
22 hereby commend James Fuller for his decades of service to the city  
23 of Midland and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued  
24 success and happiness; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for Mr. Fuller as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
3 House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 102 was adopted by the House on May 8, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 102 was adopted by the Senate on May 10, 2021, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor