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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Judge Rick Morris has been named a recipient of a 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award by the Killeen Independent School District Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the alumni association recognizes Killeen ISD graduates who have contributed significantly to their communities or professions and who serve as inspiring role models for future generations; and

WHEREAS, A 1969 graduate of Killeen High School, Judge Morris earned a bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Austin and a law degree from the Baylor University School of Law; he began his legal career in private practice and went on to serve as an assistant U.S. attorney before being appointed judge of the 146th Judicial District Court on May 5, 1989; in the course of his six consecutive terms on the bench, he presided over countless civil, family, and criminal law cases; furthermore, he acted as judge of the Bell County Drug Court from 2009 to 2015; he currently serves as a visiting judge, and he is of counsel to the Baird, Crews, Schiller and Whitaker, P.C. law firm; and

WHEREAS, Judge Morris has been affiliated with a number of professional organizations, including the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Center for the Judiciary, and the Bell County Bar Association; in addition, he is a life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation; in recognition of his many achievements, he was named the Bell County Public Sector Lawyer of the Year in 2007 and 2012;

and

WHEREAS, The accomplishments of noteworthy alumni are a source of great pride to all those associated with Killeen ISD, and Rick Morris is indeed deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Judge Rick Morris on his receipt of a 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Killeen Independent School District Alumni Association and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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