

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mark and Becky Lanier are celebrating the opening of
2 the Lanier Learning Center on June 6, 2023, and this occasion
3 provides an ideal opportunity to recognize the couple for their
4 contributions; and

5 WHEREAS, Highly respected attorneys, Mark and Becky Lanier
6 have built an extensive compound devoted to theological scholarship
7 next to their home in northwestern Harris County; the Lanier
8 Theological Library, established in 2010, is housed in a
9 17,000-square-foot building designed by Mr. Lanier with a
10 combination of architectural features that recall the libraries in
11 and around the University of Oxford; it has a capacity of more than
12 100,000 volumes, and it focuses on archaeology, Biblical studies,
13 church history, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Egyptology, linguistics, and
14 theology; in addition, it holds a comprehensive periodical
15 collection, historical documents, and museum-quality artifacts;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The ceiling of the library's main hall was painted
18 by Texas artist Richard McCluskey; he also painted the biblical
19 scenes on the ceiling of the adjacent Stone Chapel, a replica of an
20 ancient Byzantine house of worship; the newest building on the
21 property is the 40,000-square-foot Lanier Learning Center, which
22 will serve as a seminary-style center for ministry and leadership
23 development, complete with living quarters for participants; its
24 great hall has a capacity for approximately 500 people, and the

1 building features breakout rooms and classrooms as well;
2 immediately upon its opening, the center will host the Thomas H.
3 Olbricht Christian Scholars Conference; and

4 WHEREAS, Generous philanthropists, Mr. and Mrs. Lanier
5 established the Lanier Center for Archaeology at Lipscomb
6 University, his undergraduate alma mater; he serves as a member of
7 the institution's board of trustees; moreover, the couple has
8 demonstrated a commitment to supporting the advancement of the next
9 generations of lawyers, and the Mark & Becky Lanier Professional
10 Development Center at Texas Tech University School of Law is named
11 in their honor; the Laniers are both alumni of TTU, where Mr. Lanier
12 obtained his law degree; Mrs. Lanier graduated from the University
13 of Houston Law School; they are valued members of Champion Forest
14 Baptist Church, where they have taught biblical literacy classes
15 for two decades; and

16 WHEREAS, Mark and Becky Lanier have set an inspiring example
17 through their support for theological scholarship and legal
18 education, and it is indeed a pleasure to join in celebrating their
19 latest project; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
21 Legislature hereby honor Mark and Becky Lanier on the occasion of
22 the opening of the Lanier Learning Center and extend to them sincere
23 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for the Laniers as an expression of high regard by the
26 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1788

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1788 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House