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H.R. No. 232

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Alfred M. "Mac" Stringfellow of San Antonio has
2 rendered outstanding service to the State of Texas as a member and
3 chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice; and

4 WHEREAS, Appointed to the board in February 1997, Mr.
5 Stringfellow assumed the chairmanship of that body's Institutional
6 Division Committee and began an intensive tour of prison
7 facilities, visiting 60 units during his first three years; his
8 familiarity with these units and their staffs stood him in good
9 stead when he became chairman of the board in January 2000; and

10 WHEREAS, During his tenure on the board, the Texas Department
11 of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) recorded a number of notable
12 developments in operations and services; in 1997, the Boyd Unit
13 became the first state-operated TDCJ facility to receive
14 accreditation from the American Correctional Association (ACA); by
15 the time Mr. Stringfellow completed his term in December 2002, more
16 than 20 other TDCJ facilities had been similarly accredited; and

17 WHEREAS, Efforts to promote the rehabilitation of offenders
18 included the institution of the first prison faith-based ministry
19 program in the nation and the expansion of the department's mental
20 health initiative across divisional lines; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1997, Victim Services was elevated to division
22 status within the department, and during Mr. Stringfellow's
23 chairmanship three other divisions were created--Manufacturing and
24 Logistics, Operations, and Private Facilities; and

1 WHEREAS, Responding to needs of the TDCJ staff, Mr.
2 Stringfellow oversaw the establishment in 2002 of the wellness
3 initiative for the agency's 40,000 employees; that same year,
4 parole and correctional officer training programs were expanded in
5 order to enhance supervision and security; and

6 WHEREAS, Over the course of Mr. Stringfellow's term, a number
7 of TDCJ programs received national recognition; in 1998, the ACA
8 conferred best practices awards on the agency's institutional
9 division training program, integrated facilities information
10 program, Habitat for Humanity partnership, and correctional
11 managed health care partnership, in addition to giving an honorable
12 mention to the program for posttrauma staff support; four years
13 later, the special needs substance abuse program at the Estelle
14 Unit received the Program of the Year Award from the National
15 Commission on Correctional Health; and

16 WHEREAS, Throughout his years on the Texas Board of Criminal
17 Justice, Mac Stringfellow gave unstintingly of his time and talents
18 to the TDCJ, and his leadership and unfailing commitment to that
19 agency reflected the highest standards of public service; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
22 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Alfred M. "Mac"
23 Stringfellow for his outstanding tenure on the Texas Board of
24 Criminal Justice and extend to him sincere appreciation for his
25 immeasurable contributions to the Lone Star State; and, be it
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Mr. Stringfellow as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.