

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 198

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Anthony Robinson on his graduation from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in Houston on May 14, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Robinson earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Pomona College in California in 1983; he served his country with distinction for two years in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, In 1987 Anthony Robinson was wrongfully convicted of a crime he did not commit; he was sentenced to 27 years in prison and served nine years of that sentence before being paroled in 1996, after which he returned to Houston and served additional time in a halfway house under the strictest probationary supervision; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Robinson worked for three years to save money to pay for DNA testing to prove his innocence and finally received scientific confirmation of his innocence 13 years after his conviction; he received a full and unconditional pardon "based on innocence and restoration of full civil rights of citizenship" in Proclamation 2000-0007, signed by Governor George W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his extraordinary journey, Anthony Robinson has maintained his faith in the American judicial system, which he now hopes to serve as a member of the bar; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby extend congratulations to Anthony Robinson on the occasion of his graduation from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law and commend him for the quiet courage and dignity with which he worked to clear his name; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2004.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate