

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, James L. Haley of Austin has for three decades  
2 distinguished himself as a preeminent writer, historian, and  
3 scholar, and his life's work has truly transformed our  
4 understanding of the people and events that have shaped the history  
5 and culture of the Lone Star State; and

6           WHEREAS, A native of Fort Worth, Mr. Haley graduated summa  
7 cum laude from The University of Texas at Arlington with a degree in  
8 political science; he published his first national magazine article  
9 at the age of 19 and, after pursuing graduate studies at The  
10 University of Texas School of Law, devoted himself full-time to his  
11 true calling as a writer and historian; and

12           WHEREAS, His first book, *The Buffalo War: The History of the*  
13 *Red River Indian Uprising of 1874*, was published in 1976 and remains  
14 the definitive account of the final war of the Comanche, Kiowa, and  
15 Cheyenne Indians against Anglo domination; Mr. Haley is also the  
16 author of two other books about Plains Indian history, *Apaches: A*  
17 *History and Culture Portrait* and *The Kings of San Carlos*, a  
18 fictional account of the colorful career of Apache Indian agent  
19 John P. Clum; and

20           WHEREAS, Renowned for the clarity and vibrancy of his prose,  
21 as well as the meticulous nature of his research, this remarkable  
22 writer has chronicled the history of the Lone Star State in such  
23 works as *Texas: An Album of History*, *Texas: From Spindletop*  
24 *Through World War II*, and *Stephen F. Austin and the Founding of*

1 *Texas*; next year Simon & Schuster will publish a one-volume  
2 compendium titled *The Epic History of Texas*, a book that is certain  
3 to become a classic as well; during the sesquicentennial of Texas  
4 statehood, Mr. Haley was invited to serve as guest curator of an  
5 exhibition of artifacts and memorabilia related to the 1845  
6 annexation of Texas by the United States, returning to the State  
7 Capitol one year later to help prepare an exhibition titled "A  
8 Suitable Residence: The Texas Governors and the Executive  
9 Mansion"; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2002, Mr. Haley published the largest and most  
11 comprehensive biography ever written about Sam Houston, the first  
12 president of the Republic of Texas; this biography, which  
13 represents the culmination of 15 years of labor, was immediately  
14 hailed as the authoritative work on this legendary figure and has  
15 won literary accolades from organizations that include the Texas  
16 State Historical Association and the Western Writers of America;  
17 over the course of his illustrious career, Mr. Haley has firmly  
18 established his own place in Texas history, leaving behind him a  
19 legacy of great historical and literary accomplishments; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
22 hereby commend James L. Haley of Austin on his extraordinary and  
23 innumerable contributions to Texas literature and the preservation  
24 of Texas history and extend to him warmest best wishes for continued  
25 happiness and success in his future endeavors; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for Mr. Haley as an expression of high regard by the Texas

H.C.R. No. 255

1 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. 255 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 255 was adopted by the Senate on May 23, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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

Date

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Governor