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H.R. No. 1403

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives supports without
2 reservation the efforts of our institutions of higher learning to
3 attract and retain the world's top teachers, scholars, and
4 researchers; and

5 WHEREAS, The University of Houston has a long tradition of
6 counting among its distinguished faculty highly regarded and
7 honored leaders in their respective fields of expertise; and

8 WHEREAS, Jody Williams, recipient of the 1997 Nobel Prize for
9 Peace, has accepted a position with the University of Houston
10 Graduate School of Social Work as a Distinguished Visiting
11 Professor for the 2003-2004 academic year; and

12 WHEREAS, The founding coordinator of the International
13 Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), which shared with her the 1997
14 Nobel Prize for Peace, Ms. Williams has overseen the growth of the
15 ICBL from six nongovernmental organizations in 1992 to more than
16 1,000 organizations in 60 countries; she has also written and
17 spoken extensively regarding the need for an international
18 prohibition of landmines; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Williams brings to the University of Houston an
20 international reputation in the areas of education and humanitarian
21 projects and will share with her students methods of building
22 practical and theoretical understanding of international political
23 economics and humanitarian issues and developing international
24 justice initiatives; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
2 Legislature hereby commend the University of Houston for building
3 on its well-deserved reputation for learning and leading by adding
4 Jody Williams to its faculty as a Distinguished Visiting Professor
5 in the Graduate School of Social Work; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
7 for Ms. Williams and the University of Houston as expressions of
8 esteem from the Texas House of Representatives.