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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, President George Herbert Walker Bush and First Lady
2 Barbara Bush have been accorded the Allan Shivers Public Service
3 Award by the Headliners Foundation of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1985 in honor of Governor Shivers,
5 the first chairman of the Headliners Foundation Board of Governors,
6 the award is given periodically to those individuals whose high
7 ideals, integrity, and skill in rendering meritorious public
8 service embody the essence of the late governor's leadership; the
9 tribute was conferred on President and Mrs. Bush on January 12,
10 2006, during a gala event celebrating the 50th anniversary of the
11 Headliners Club; and

12 WHEREAS, George H. W. Bush, the 41st president of the United
13 States, first served this country in the armed forces during World
14 War II; at one time the youngest pilot in the U.S. Navy, he flew 58
15 combat missions in the Pacific Theater and was awarded the
16 Distinguished Flying Cross; and

17 WHEREAS, In the 1960s, having made his mark as a Texas oilman,
18 President Bush turned his talents to public service; elected to the
19 United States House of Representatives in 1966, he was named to the
20 prestigious Ways and Means Committee during his freshman term; and

21 WHEREAS, After concluding a second term in the house,
22 President Bush held a number of high-ranking appointive offices:
23 ambassador to the United Nations, chairman of the Republican
24 National Committee, chief United States liaison officer to the

1 People's Republic of China, and director of the Central
2 Intelligence Agency; and

3 WHEREAS, Elected vice president in 1980 and again in 1984, he
4 devoted much of his time to two special projects, chairing task
5 forces on federal deregulation and international drug smuggling at
6 the behest of President Ronald Reagan; and

7 WHEREAS, Sworn in as president in 1989, George Bush began
8 negotiations to create NAFTA, signed several nuclear disarmament
9 agreements with the Soviet Union and Russia, and sent troops to
10 overthrow the regime of Panamanian general Manuel Noriega, who was
11 then brought to the United States for trial as a drug trafficker;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Barbara Bush, one of the country's most admired
14 first ladies, has herself forged a notable record of public
15 service; a champion of volunteerism, she has assisted with work in
16 numerous critical areas, including efforts to address the scourge
17 of AIDS and the problems of the homeless and the elderly; the
18 honorary chair of the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy,
19 which she established in 1989, she also holds a seat on the boards
20 of AmeriCares and the Mayo Clinic; and

21 WHEREAS, Throughout their years in public life, President and
22 Mrs. Bush have exemplified leadership infused with heart,
23 character, and resolve, and they have truly earned the lasting
24 esteem and affection of their fellow citizens; now, therefore, be
25 it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
27 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor President George H.

1 W. Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush on their receipt of the Allan
2 Shivers Public Service Award from the Headliners Foundation of
3 Texas and extend to them profound appreciation for the
4 distinguished service they have rendered this nation; and, be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for President and Mrs. Bush as an expression of high regard
8 by the Texas House of Representatives.