

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 2006 release of *Glory Road*, a film both
2 educational and socially significant, provides a fitting occasion
3 to recognize Nevil Shed and his contributions to a milestone
4 victory on the court and in the struggle for civil rights; and

5 WHEREAS, Walt Disney's *Glory Road* tells the story of the 1966
6 NCAA basketball champion, Texas Western College, now The University
7 of Texas at El Paso; in the championship final, which has been
8 hailed as one of the NCAA's "25 Defining Moments," Texas Western
9 head coach Don Haskins broke with tradition by starting an
10 all-black team against the all-white Kentucky Wildcats; the African
11 American squad defeated the heavily favored Wildcats, claiming the
12 prestigious NCAA National Basketball Championship title while
13 heralding a new era of racial equality in college basketball; and

14 WHEREAS, Contributing to this significant event was the
15 6-foot-8-inch Nevil Shed, who sank the free throw that put his team
16 into the lead it never relinquished; dubbed "The Shadow," Mr. Shed
17 was known for his tenacious defense and unrelenting hustle on the
18 hardwood, averaging 15 points, 10 rebounds, and 80 percent
19 free-throw shooting per game throughout his career; after
20 graduating from college with a bachelor of arts degree in
21 kinesiology and health, Mr. Shed was drafted by the NBA and played
22 with the Boston Celtics; and

23 WHEREAS, Since retiring as a player, Mr. Shed has worked
24 tirelessly to help young people in the African American community;

1 whether in the capacity of coach, advisor, or public speaker, he has
2 shared his story of triumph against formidable odds with youth
3 across the nation, inspiring them to believe that with
4 determination, they can surmount any obstacle; and

5 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has been recognized for his work
6 with a number of accolades, including the 2001 African American
7 Legend Award, 2003 SOUL of Black Folks Award, 2004 San Antonio Black
8 Achievement Award, and 2005 Prestigious Black History Makers Award;
9 in addition, he has been featured in the Emmy Award-winning
10 documentary *Final Four* and in HBO's *Real Sports with Bryant Gumble*;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, A pioneer in the struggle for racial justice and a
13 role model for countless young people, Nevil Shed has continued to
14 advance the dream of a more just and inclusive society, and it is a
15 distinct pleasure to join in honoring him at this time; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
18 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Nevil "The Shadow"
19 Shed for his role in charting a new course for college sports and
20 for race relations throughout this state and nation; and, be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Mr. Shed as an expression of high regard by the Texas
24 House of Representatives.

McClendon

H.R. No. 299

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 299 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House