

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Odessa High School senior Mariah Willis has  
2 demonstrated excellence in academics and athletics, while also  
3 setting a positive example as a community leader and volunteer, and  
4 this exemplary young lady is most deserving of special legislative  
5 recognition; and

6           WHEREAS, Ms. Willis maintains a 3.8 GPA at Odessa High School  
7 and has established an impressive 3.0 GPA while taking advanced  
8 courses at Odessa College; she is active with several  
9 extracurricular organizations, including the student council  
10 junior and senior boards, and has earned mention in the annual *Who's*  
11 *Who Among American High School Students*; and

12           WHEREAS, A standout athlete in both basketball and track, Ms.  
13 Willis was named All Permian Basin Most Valuable Player and  
14 District 3-5A Most Valuable Player as she led the Lady Bronchos  
15 basketball team to the 2004-2005 district championship; she threw  
16 the discus and shot put as a member of the 2002-2003 district  
17 championship track team, and is a three-year varsity letter winner  
18 for track and field; and

19           WHEREAS, Ms. Willis's community service includes  
20 participation with Keep Odessa Beautiful, the Medical Center  
21 Hospital Junior Auxiliary, and the St. James Baptist Church food  
22 pantry; she is also active with the Black Cultural Council of  
23 Odessa; and

24           WHEREAS, This outstanding young Texan is the recipient of the

1 Lions Club's Outstanding Youth Scholarship and has earned a  
2 scholarship to West Texas A&M University, where she will  
3 undoubtedly continue to set and achieve challenging goals, and the  
4 members of this chamber are pleased to wish her well as she begins  
5 the next chapter of her life; now, therefore, be it

6       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby commend Mariah Willis for her notable academic  
8 and athletic career at Odessa High School, congratulate her on the  
9 receipt of a scholarship to West Texas A&M University, and  
10 recognize her for her contributions to her community; and, be it  
11 further

12       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for Ms. Willis as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
14 House of Representatives.

Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 1849

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1849 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House