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H.R. No. 1849

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.