

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 891

WHEREAS, William T. Solomon of Dallas was honored with the prestigious Linz Award at a special luncheon on April 13, 2005, in recognition of his commitment to bettering his community; and

WHEREAS, For more than 75 years, the Linz Award has recognized those individuals whose civic or humanitarian efforts over the previous decade have been of the greatest benefit to the Dallas area, and Mr. Solomon is indeed a worthy recipient, as his efforts have left an indelible mark on the community he is proud to call home; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan is the chair of the construction firm Austin Industries, and like many of his fellow citizens, he was deeply concerned with the tension brewing in the city during the late 1980s due to a series of racially charged incidents; in an attempt to prevent further conflict, Mr. Solomon founded the Dallas Together Forum, a group of business and community leaders dedicated to improving race relations; this beneficial body not only encouraged constructive dialogue concerning racial issues but focused on building economic opportunities for minorities as well, and those efforts have resulted in increased minority hiring and support for minority-owned business over the years; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his important work with the forum, Mr. Solomon has further benefited his community by donating to and assisting with fund-raising for The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center's \$500 million campaign to subsidize clinical research; and

WHEREAS, William Solomon has set a sterling example of leadership and civic engagement to which all may aspire, and it is indeed a pleasure to join his fellow Texans in honoring him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby congratulate William T. Solomon on his receipt of the Linz Award and commend him on his selfless service in behalf of the citizens of Dallas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Solomon as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Carona, Deuell, Harris,
Shapiro, West

Member, Texas Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 16, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate