

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The celebrated Texas author David Marion Wilkinson
2 has brought distinction to himself and to the Lone Star State
3 through the success of his fine works of fiction and nonfiction; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Arkansas, Mr. Wilkinson moved to Texas in
5 1972 and graduated from The University of Texas with a bachelor's
6 degree in English in 1980; like many writers, he has had a
7 peripatetic career, working as a carpenter, a mortgage loan
8 officer, a private investigator, and an oil field worker; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkinson's work reflects both his own colorful
10 life story and his deep love of history; his first novel, *Not*
11 *Between Brothers*, an epic saga of the clash of cultures in the early
12 years of Texas, won the 1997 Violet Crown Award for fiction; his
13 second novel, *The Empty Quarter*, was inspired by his own
14 experiences working in the oil fields of Saudi Arabia and the North
15 Sea; and

16 WHEREAS, *Oblivion's Altar*, Mr. Wilkinson's third novel, tells
17 the tragic story of the Cherokee Chief Major Ridge and won the 2003
18 Spur Award for Best Original Paperback; with Joaquin Jackson,
19 Wilkinson penned *One Ranger*, a memoir of Jackson's dramatic career
20 as a Texas Ranger; recently released in paperback, it is the
21 fastest-selling book in the history of The University of Texas
22 Press; and

23 WHEREAS, Now working on a contemporary novel set in the
24 spectacular Big Bend country of West Texas, this outstanding writer

1 further contributes to the artistic life of Texas as
2 writer-in-residence at Sul Ross State University in Alpine; he also
3 sits on the board of Ozark Creative Writers and is a member of the
4 Western Writers of America; and

5 WHEREAS, With four fine books to date and more to come, David
6 Marion Wilkinson is a bright star in the firmament of Texas
7 literature, and through his service to the students of Sul Ross
8 State University, he is an inspiration and a mentor to young Texas
9 writers; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate David Marion Wilkinson on his many
12 accomplishments and commend him for his contribution to the
13 cultural heritage of the Lone Star State; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr.
15 Wilkinson as a token of high regard by the Texas House of
16 Representatives.

Gallego

Craddick	Gattis	Miles
Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
Branch	Harless	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
Chavez	Hilderbran	Pena
Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
Coleman	Homer	Pitts
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Crabb	Hughes	Riddle
Creighton	Isett	Ritter
Crownover	Jackson	Rodriguez
Darby	Jones	Rose
Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
Farrar	Martinez Fischer	Villarreal
Flores	McCall	Vo
Flynn	McClendon	West
Frost	McReynolds	Woolley
Gallego	Menendez	Zedler
Garcia	Merritt	Zerwas

H.R. No. 411

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 411 was adopted by the House on
February 14, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House