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H.R. No. 454

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For more than a decade, Lewis Marshall of San  
2 Antonio has served as a member of the Texas Silver-Haired  
3 Legislature, and his efforts in behalf of senior citizens are truly  
4 deserving of praise; and

5           WHEREAS, Born and raised in Austin, Mr. Marshall graduated  
6 from L. C. Anderson High School, where he was a quarterback on the  
7 football team and an all-state mile runner on the track team; he  
8 continued his athletic endeavors at West Contra Costa College in  
9 Richmond, California, and subsequently earned both his bachelor's  
10 and master's degrees at Prairie View A&M University, where he was  
11 captain of the golf team; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall retired in 1995 from a career in public  
13 education that spanned nearly four decades and included tenures at  
14 high schools in Nacogdoches and Kilgore, as well as middle and high  
15 schools in San Antonio; a talented football, track, and basketball  
16 coach, he was later inducted into the Prairie View Interscholastic  
17 League Coaches Association Hall of Honor and Hall of Fame; and

18           WHEREAS, Following his retirement, he was elected to the  
19 Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, and he is the only African  
20 American male serving in the body; he has been vice chair of the  
21 human service and criminal justice committees, and in 1998, he  
22 became the first African American from Bexar County elected to the  
23 National Silver Haired Congress, for which he is vice chair of the  
24 human service committee; moreover, he will serve as president at

1 the Washington meeting of the 2007 National Council of Silver  
2 Haired Legislators; and

3 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan is a longtime member of numerous  
4 organizations, including the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Texas  
5 State Teachers Association, the National Education Association,  
6 AARP, and the NAACP; in addition, he contributes to his community as  
7 a member of the Senior Citizen Council of Bexar County and the Bexar  
8 Area Agency on Aging Committee, and as the District 2  
9 representative on the City County Joint Commission on Elderly  
10 Affairs; and

11 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, he enjoys the love and support  
12 of his wife of 50 years, the former Jureta Williams, and of his  
13 children, Larry and Mitzi, and daughter-in-law, Sherry, and he is  
14 the proud grandfather of three granddaughters, Amber, Alia, and  
15 Sydnie; a faithful member of Second Baptist Church, he serves as a  
16 deacon and sings in the male chorus; and

17 WHEREAS, Lewis Marshall has worked tirelessly to improve the  
18 lives of senior citizens in Bexar County and the Lone Star State,  
19 and his commitment to this large and important constituency has  
20 earned him the respect and admiration of all who are privileged to  
21 know him; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby commend Lewis Marshall for his efforts in behalf  
24 of the state's senior citizens and extend to him sincere best wishes  
25 for continued happiness and success; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for Mr. Marshall as an expression of high regard by the

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1 Texas House of Representatives.