

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Matthew James Willis of Hackberry Creek has been
2 honored with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society 2007 Spirit of Tom
3 Landry Character award for his service in behalf of individuals
4 with blood cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, This accolade was established to recognize
6 courageous young people who either are battling the disease or have
7 volunteered extensively to help those suffering with their
8 struggle; and

9 WHEREAS, A seventh-grader at North Hills School in Irving,
10 Mr. Willis is indeed a worthy recipient of this award as he has
11 demonstrated remarkable selflessness and integrity through his
12 efforts to help this special community; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Willis was inspired to action in order to honor
14 the memory of his father, Jim Willis, who lost his battle with
15 leukemia when Matthew was only two; he has worked tirelessly with
16 the Links Fore Leukemia Golf Tournament, which his father
17 cofounded, and in just three years this exceptional young Texan has
18 raised an estimated \$30,000; and

19 WHEREAS, Matthew Willis is an inspiration to all Texans, for
20 he has displayed a sense of personal strength and a desire to help
21 others that offer eloquent testimony to the finest qualities of the
22 human spirit; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Matthew James Willis on his receipt

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1 of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society 2007 Spirit of Tom Landry
2 Character award and extend to him best wishes for the future; and,
3 be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Mr. Willis as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives.

Harper-Brown

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1444 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House