

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, March 6, 2007, brought to a close an impressive  
2 career when Ernest McMillan retired as the CEO and executive  
3 director of the Fifth Ward Enrichment Program (FWEP); and

4           WHEREAS, The founder of this significant endeavor, Mr.  
5 McMillan created FWEP in June 1984 to help preempt negative  
6 environmental influences and promote the positive development of  
7 inner-city boys; through the years, he has aided countless area  
8 youth in acquiring the skills they need for success and  
9 achievement; and

10           WHEREAS, A graduate of Brazos Junior College, this notable  
11 Texan also studied at Morehouse College, The University of Texas at  
12 Arlington, and the University of Houston-Clear Lake; he is a  
13 veteran human rights activist with experience dating to the 1960s,  
14 when he served with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee  
15 in Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia; in addition, he has worked as  
16 a social services manager, a counselor for the Alternative Drug  
17 Abuse Program of VGS, and as a project manager for the  
18 Communities-In-Schools program at Wesley Elementary in Houston; he  
19 initiated the first drug prevention program for African American  
20 youth in Houston and developed People United for Justice for  
21 Prisoners, a Dallas-based support system for ex-offenders and drug  
22 abusers; and

23           WHEREAS, Mr. McMillan has devoted his life to making a  
24 difference in the lives of others; he may reflect with pride on his

1 years of important work, and know that his exceptional efforts have  
2 helped to make the Lone Star State a better place; now, therefore,  
3 be it

4           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Ernest McMillan on his retirement  
6 from the Fifth Ward Enrichment Program and extend to him best wishes  
7 for the future; and, be it further

8           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Mr. McMillan as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1789

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1789 was adopted by the House on May 18, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House