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H.R. No. 1789

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.