

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jack Maxwell of Abilene was commissioned to create
2 the sculpture *Jacob's Dream* for the campus of Abilene Christian
3 University in honor of the philanthropy of the late Grace L.
4 Woodward and the Woodward family of Kerrville; and

5 WHEREAS, The chair of the Department of Art and Design at ACU,
6 Mr. Maxwell holds a bachelor's degree of fine art, a bachelor's
7 degree in secondary art education, and a master's of fine art with
8 an emphasis in sculpture, and he has exhibited his work in solo
9 shows in Houston, Dallas, and Santa Fe, New Mexico; he was assisted
10 on *Jacob's Dream* by his wife, Jill, a painter and illustrator, and
11 by several ACU art students; and

12 WHEREAS, The Woodward family has supported ACU since 1939,
13 when Grace Woodward's husband, Harley Woodward, established the
14 Harley Woodward Foundation for Christian Education; following Mrs.
15 Woodward's death in 1997, her son Bob Woodward founded the Grace L.
16 Woodward Memorial Endowment Trust with \$26.5 million, one of the 10
17 largest private gifts in the history of higher education in Texas;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, *Jacob's Dream*, weighing more than 7,000 pounds and
20 standing over 30 feet tall, is a metal rendering of the biblical
21 story often referred to as "Jacob's Ladder"; the evocative piece,
22 which consists of four bronze angels, engraved scriptures, and a
23 small baptismal pool, sits on the southeast lawn of the
24 Onstead-Packer Biblical Studies Building; and

1 WHEREAS, *Jacob's Dream* will serve to inspire the students,
2 faculty, and staff of ACU for generations to come, and Jack Maxwell
3 is indeed deserving of recognition for his remarkable talent and
4 dedication; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor Jack Maxwell for the creation of the
7 sculpture *Jacob's Dream* and extend to him sincere best wishes for
8 continued success with his work; and, be it further

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

King of Taylor

H.R. No. 2547

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2547 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House