

By: King of Taylor

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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.