By: Watson S.C.R. No. 70

1	CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Lawrence Wright, who has been awarded the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction for *The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11*; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Wright graduated from Tulane University in New Orleans and earned a master's degree in applied linguistics from the American University in Cairo; he began his writing career at The Race Relations Reporter in Nashville, then wrote for Southern Voices and Texas Monthly; he became a contributing editor to Rolling Stone before joining the staff of The New Yorker; he has written several screenplays and published six other books; and

WHEREAS, The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11 was released in August of 2006 to widespread praise; the book spent eight weeks on the New York Times bestseller list, was nominated for the National Book Award, and won the Lionel Gelber Award and the J. Anthony Lukas Book Prize; and

WHEREAS, Among Mr. Wright's other books are In the New World: Growing Up with America, 1960-1984, Remembering Satan, and God's Favorite; he co-wrote the screenplay for The Siege, starring Denzel Washington and Annette Bening; he truly deserves recognition for his outstanding achievements; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas, 24 hereby commend Lawrence Wright for his many achievements and extend

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- 1 congratulations to him on winning the Pulitzer Prize for General
- 2 Nonfiction; and, be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for him
- 4 as an expression of high regard from the Texas Legislature.