

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 149

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Von Washington, whose company, Monument Technical Services, Incorporated, has been named Minority Veteran-Owned Business of the Year by the El Paso Small Business Consortium and the Small Business Administration office; and

**WHEREAS**, A former major in the United States Army, Von Washington founded Monument Technical Services, Incorporated, in 2002; the company is a defense industry consulting firm that specializes in testing and evaluating weapons systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Washington has drawn upon the skills he honed in the military to help make his company a success; the discipline, work ethic, and teamwork necessary to succeed as an officer have stood him in good stead as he has shepherded his young company to success; and

**WHEREAS**, Von Washington has worked on the Patriot missile system, the THAAD long-range missile, and the Avenger weapon system; he plans to add over 100 employees in the next five years in light of expected military growth at Fort Bliss and other El Paso-area military installations; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Von Washington on his many accomplishments and extend congratulations to him on the success of Monument Technical Services, Incorporated; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 31, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate