

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 341

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Anthony Robinson for his exemplary courage and tenacity and his exceptional accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Robinson graduated from Pomona College in California in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in sociology; he served his country with distinction for two years in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, Anthony was wrongfully convicted of a crime that took place in Houston; while it was a crime he did not commit, he was sentenced to 27 years in prison and served over nine years of that sentence before being paroled in 1996; he then returned to Houston and served additional time in a halfway house under strict probationary supervision; and

WHEREAS, Anthony worked for three years to save money to pay for DNA testing to prove his innocence; on September 19, 2000, 13 years after his conviction, the DNA test results were revealed and gave scientific confirmation of Anthony's innocence; in November of 2000, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles voted unanimously to recommend Anthony's pardon, and he received a full and unconditional pardon signed that year by Governor George W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, On May 14, 2004, Anthony graduated from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in Houston, and after having weathered a tumultuous past, Anthony is now working successfully as a consultant in international trade and law in China; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his difficult journey, Anthony Robinson has exhibited strength of character and resolve, and his perseverance in overcoming adversity and pursuing his goals is an inspiration to all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Anthony Robinson on his determination and his positive approach to challenge and extend congratulations to him on his promising career in international trade; 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 February 26, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate