

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 616

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Morgan Freeman for the breadth and depth of his career as one of the most respected figures in American cinema; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Freeman's film credits are among the most impressive in Hollywood; he first came into the consciousness of the American filmgoer for his 1987 Oscar-nominated role in *Street Smart*, but it was the role of Hoke in *Driving Miss Daisy* that pushed him to the forefront of his profession, earned him his second Oscar nomination, and made him a household name; and

**WHEREAS**, In the years since then, Mr. Freeman has appeared in many films, displaying an uncommon range and versatility in his talent; from the demythologized Old West of *Unforgiven* to the New England prison of *The Shawshank Redemption* to the gritty boxing gyms of *Million Dollar Baby*, he has brought his distinctive, authoritative voice and commanding presence to the screen in unique and powerful portrayals; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Freeman has been nominated for four Academy Awards, and he won the award for best supporting actor for his portrayal of an ex-prize fighter in *Million Dollar Baby*; he continues to dazzle audiences with the versatility, strength, and intensity of his performances; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Morgan Freeman for his impressive body of work and for his dedication to pursuing and maintaining the highest standards in the performing arts; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard 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 March 29, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate