

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, An accomplished attorney and admired civic leader is  
2 receiving well-deserved recognition as George Louis McWilliams  
3 becomes the first recipient of the President's Distinguished  
4 Service Award from Texas A&M University--Texarkana; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. McWilliams is a Texarkana native who graduated  
6 from Texas High School before earning his bachelor's degree from  
7 Texas A&M University in 1963 and his law degree from The University  
8 of Texas at Austin School of Law in 1966; and

9           WHEREAS, Admitted to the State Bar of Texas the year of his  
10 law school graduation, this skilled litigator went on to establish  
11 a distinguished career in the field of law; he is a senior partner  
12 in the firm of Patton, Haltom, Roberts, McWilliams & Greer and has  
13 35 years of active trial experience in civil and criminal cases at  
14 the state and federal level; widely respected by his peers, he is a  
15 member of numerous legal organizations and has served in leadership  
16 positions as the president of the Texarkana Bar Association and as  
17 director and vice president of the Texas Association of Defense  
18 Counsel; and

19           WHEREAS, In addition to his professional accomplishments,  
20 Mr. McWilliams has taken an active role in his community; he is a  
21 member of First Baptist Church, Texarkana, a coach for the  
22 Texarkana Soccer Association, and a member of the Four States Fair  
23 Association, the Volunteer Services Bureau, and the Boy Scouts of  
24 America; moreover, he has contributed to his nation's defense

1 through his service in the Texas Army National Guard; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. McWilliams' civic engagement is matched by that  
3 of his wife, Rebecca, who contributes her time and talents to a  
4 number of charitable causes; they have two children, Dean R.  
5 McWilliams and Meg McWilliams Salter; and

6 WHEREAS, In both his professional endeavors and his volunteer  
7 work, George McWilliams has proven himself an individual of  
8 admirable achievement who has had an enduring and positive impact  
9 on the Texarkana community, and he is indeed deserving of this  
10 prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate George Louis McWilliams on his  
13 receipt of the President's Distinguished Service Award from Texas  
14 A&M University--Texarkana and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
15 continued success; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Mr. McWilliams as an expression of high regard by the  
18 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1724

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1724 was adopted by the House on May 5, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House