

By: Gallego

H.R. No. 2384

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The dean of Texas lobbyists, D. L. Willis, is  
2 retiring from the Communications Workers of America in June 2009,  
3 concluding a career that has spanned nearly five decades; and

4           WHEREAS, A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, "Dally" Willis  
5 served his country in the South Pacific during World War II; in  
6 1961, he became a full-time lobbyist for the legislative committee  
7 of the CWA, and through the years, he has also contributed  
8 significantly to the work of the Texas AFL-CIO and the Permian Basin  
9 Central Labor Union; he has helped achieve numerous gains for the  
10 labor movement, all the while winning friends on both sides of the  
11 aisle with his affable greetings and trademark stickers  
12 commemorating holidays and other occasions; and

13           WHEREAS, During 25 regular sessions, countless special  
14 sessions, and all the days in between, Mr. Willis has enjoyed the  
15 love and support of his wife, Margaret, and the couple celebrated  
16 their 59th anniversary on May 12, 2009; moreover, Mr. Willis has  
17 observed many of his birthdays in the throes of Texas politics, and  
18 this year will be no different, for he is turning 89 years young on  
19 May 21, 2009; and

20           WHEREAS, Dally Willis has long distinguished himself as a  
21 champion for the rights of Texas workers and their families, and his  
22 exemplary efforts in their behalf will continue to resonate  
23 throughout the Lone Star State for years to come; now, therefore, be  
24 it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Dally Willis on his retirement as a  
3 lobbyist for the Communications Workers of America and extend to  
4 him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

5           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for Mr. Willis as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
7 House of Representatives.