

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 369

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Honorable Willie Lewis Brown, Jr., of San Francisco on the auspicious occasion of his 75th birthday; and

WHEREAS, A longtime California public servant, Mr. Brown is renowned for his charisma, his inimitable personality and style, and his generosity of spirit; and

WHEREAS, Willie Brown was born March 20, 1934, in Mineola, Texas; he moved to California as a teenager and attended San Francisco State University, where he earned a degree in political science; he later received a law degree from the University of California Hastings College of Law and became one of the first African American attorneys in San Francisco, where he was also very active in the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown served in the California State Assembly for more than 30 years, including more than 14 years as the speaker of that body; in 1996, he became the first African American mayor of San Francisco; as mayor, he oversaw a significant increase in real estate development, public works, city beautification, and other large-scale projects; a courageous and compassionate leader, he worked to expand services to all city residents and to create an administration that reflected the city's diverse population; and

WHEREAS, In commemoration of his birthday, friends and family are gathering in Paris, France, for a three-day celebration of his 75 legendary years and of his many civic and personal accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the Honorable Willie Brown for his decades of devoted public service and extend to him best wishes for a memorable 75th birthday; 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 9, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate