SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 970

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize D. L. "Dally" Willis, the Dean of all Texas lobbyists, as he finishes his last legislative session as a full-time labor advocate; and

WHEREAS, Native Texan D. L. "Dally" Willis joined the United States Marine Corps in 1941 and served honorably in the South Pacific until his discharge in 1945; and

WHEREAS, On May 12, 2009, Dally and Margaret Willis celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary; and

WHEREAS, On May 21, 2009, Mr. Willis celebrates his 89th birthday; and

WHEREAS, He has served as full-time lobbyist for the Texas Political and Legislative Committee of the Communications Workers of America since 1961 and has inspired countless people with his devotion to hard-working Texans and the labor movement; and

WHEREAS, His friendly greeting has endeared him to members on both sides of the aisle, as have his trademark stickers for special occasions, which are often found on the lapels of legislators and their staff; and

WHEREAS, The 81st session of the Texas Legislature will be his last as a full-time lobbyist, and it is a fitting opportunity for the Senate to congratulate Dally on his retirement and recognize his devotion and dedication to the working men and women of Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby congratulate D. L. Willis on the occasion of his retirement and extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Dally Willis 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 May 21, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate