

By: Marquez

H.R. No. 906

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In recognition of the exceptional community service  
2 of a truly outstanding Texan, *El Paso Inc.* has named Jim Phillips  
3 the 2010 El Pasoan of the Year; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Dallas, Mr. Phillips served in the U.S. Air  
5 Force and was an instructor at the basic airman indoctrination  
6 center at Lackland Air Force Base; returning to civilian life, he  
7 earned his bachelor's degree in communication from Texas Christian  
8 University and began a notable career in radio; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips worked as an executive at stations in  
10 Fort Worth and McAllen and later was an investor and director for  
11 stations in Shreveport, Amarillo, Reno, Columbia, Brownsville, and  
12 Corpus Christi; in 1969, he purchased KHEY in El Paso; his tenure in  
13 communications earned him a number of honors through the years,  
14 including induction into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame and the title  
15 of Broadcaster of the Year from the Texas Association of  
16 Broadcasters, which also named him Pioneer Broadcaster of the Year;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, Invited to join the board of M Bank, he went on to  
19 hold that position during several iterations of what is now Wells  
20 Fargo, and today, he continues as chair of the Wells Fargo Community  
21 Advisory Board; and

22           WHEREAS, A man committed to making the world a better place,  
23 Mr. Phillips is looked to as a mentor by countless people, and a  
24 host of worthwhile organizations have benefited from his

1 leadership; he has been president of the chamber of commerce, the  
2 local chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews,  
3 and the United Way of El Paso; the El Paso Boys Club, Rotary Club of  
4 El Paso East, and El Paso Arts Alliance also thrived under his able  
5 guidance; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips has further distinguished himself  
7 through his service on the board of directors of the Texas Council  
8 on Economic Education, Texas Association of Taxpayers, Texas  
9 Election Bureau, and El Paso Community Foundation; currently, he is  
10 a member of the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce Foundation  
11 Board, University of Texas at El Paso Development Board, Hospice of  
12 El Paso Foundation Board, El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center  
13 Advisory Board, and Project ARRIBA Board of Directors, to name but a  
14 few; and

15 WHEREAS, Recognized for his outstanding efforts in behalf of  
16 his fellow citizens, Mr. Phillips has received the City of El Paso  
17 Conquistador Award, the Greater El Paso Association of REALTORS  
18 Outstanding Citizen Award, the United Way Champion of Caring Award,  
19 and the Rotary Club of El Paso Distinguished Service Award; and

20 WHEREAS, The vitality of a community depends in large measure  
21 on the vision and dedication of its leaders, and through his myriad  
22 endeavors, Jim Phillips has greatly benefited residents of El Paso,  
23 and he sets an inspiring example of civic engagement; now,  
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
26 Legislature hereby congratulate Jim Phillips on being named the  
27 2010 El Pasoan of the Year by *El Paso Inc.* and extend to him sincere

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1 best wishes for continued success in all of his endeavors; and, be  
2 it further

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