

By: Smithee

H.R. No. 936

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Wales H. Madden, Jr., of Amarillo has distinguished  
2 himself as an attorney, businessman, and leader in matters of great  
3 importance that affect the lives of countless residents of Texas  
4 and beyond; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Amarillo on September 1, 1927, Mr. Madden is  
6 the son of Wales and Kathryn Madden; he served his country in the  
7 United States Navy during World War II and went on to earn his  
8 bachelor's degree and law degree from The University of Texas at  
9 Austin; in 1952, he began his legal career with the Shamrock Oil and  
10 Gas Corporation, and he later became a partner in Selecman and  
11 Madden before beginning a solo practice in 1985; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Madden has served on the boards of the First  
13 National Bank of Amarillo, Boatmen's First National Bank, and First  
14 National Bank, and on the Wells Fargo advisory board and the Mesa  
15 Petroleum Board; and

16           WHEREAS, Devoted to advancing higher education in the Lone  
17 Star State, Mr. Madden has served The University of Texas System in  
18 myriad capacities over more than a half-century; in 1959, he became  
19 the youngest person ever appointed to the board of regents, and he  
20 served as chair of the UT Centennial Commission, the UT System  
21 Chancellor's Council, and the UT-Austin Development Board; he was  
22 also president of the Ex-Students' Association and a member of the  
23 Board of Visitors of the UT M. D. Anderson Cancer Center; moreover,  
24 he served on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and

1 participated in several education planning groups, among them the  
2 Governor's Committee on Public School Education and the State's  
3 Select Committee on Higher Education; he has served on the boards of  
4 Amarillo College and Trinity University and on the planning  
5 committee at West Texas A&M University as well; and

6 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan has given generously of his time  
7 and expertise as chair of the Texas Water Development Board, and he  
8 was appointed by President Reagan to serve as a member of the  
9 President's Export Council and by Governor Bush to serve as a member  
10 of the Citizens' Committee on Property Tax Relief; actively engaged  
11 in the political process for many years, he filled key roles in the  
12 presidential campaigns of George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush, and  
13 he served on Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison's finance campaign  
14 executive committee, among other political roles; and

15 WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades, Mr. Madden was  
16 accorded the UT System's highest honor, the Santa Rita Award, in  
17 2002, and he was named a Distinguished Alumnus of the university and  
18 an Outstanding Alumnus of its law school; the Texas Bar Foundation  
19 presented him with its prestigious Outstanding Fifty-Year Lawyer  
20 Award in 2003, and he has received the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award for  
21 Outstanding Leadership in Higher Education; and

22 WHEREAS, Through his professional accomplishments and  
23 commitment to enhancing the lives of his fellow citizens, Wales  
24 Madden has contributed immeasurably to his community, state, and  
25 nation, and he merits the highest praise for his long record of  
26 exceptional public service; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

1 Legislature hereby honor Wales H. Madden, Jr., and extend to him  
2 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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