

By: Branch

H.R. No. 1244

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Charles W. Matthews has been named as the recipient
2 of the 2011 Fellows Award from the Dallas Bar Foundation; and

3 WHEREAS, This award is given annually to a member of the
4 foundation who exemplifies a commitment to professionalism,
5 charitable works, and community service; in addition to being a
6 highly respected leader in the legal field, Mr. Matthews has
7 distinguished himself as an ardent advocate of pro bono legal
8 services; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Matthews is a 1967 graduate of The University of
10 Texas at Austin and earned his juris doctorate from the University
11 of Houston Law Center in 1970; he joined the Exxon Corporation's
12 litigation section as a trial attorney the following year, became
13 an associate general attorney in 1981, and was named general
14 counsel for the law department in 1992; three years later, he was
15 appointed vice president and general counsel of Exxon, and in that
16 capacity he coordinated the legal aspects of the merger between
17 Exxon and Mobil; and

18 WHEREAS, This skilled attorney has been named a distinguished
19 alumni of the University of Houston and has received the Alumnus of
20 the Year and Dean's awards from that university's school of law; he
21 was also the recipient of awards from the *Dallas Business Journal*
22 and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Matthews held the first general counsel seat on
24 the Texas Access to Justice Commission, and he has served as a

1 national trustee for the Southwest region of the Boys and Girls
2 Clubs of America, director and president of the University of
3 Houston Law Foundation, and director of the International
4 Association of Defense Counsel; moreover, he was the vice chair of
5 the board of the Center for American and International Law and
6 co-chaired the general counsel committee of the National Center for
7 State Courts; and

8 WHEREAS, Active in the American, Texas, Houston, and Dallas
9 Bar Associations, Mr. Matthews participates in many other
10 professional organizations and has served on the Cotton Bowl board
11 of directors; he has also served on the boards of the RAND Institute
12 for Civil Justice and The University of Texas Foundation, and he
13 chaired the UT Chancellor's Council; and

14 WHEREAS, Charles Matthews has set an example of leadership,
15 advocacy, and service to which all may aspire, and he is indeed
16 deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Charles W. Matthews on his receipt
19 of the 2011 Fellows Award from the Dallas Bar Foundation and extend
20 to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Mr. Matthews as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.