

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama is receiving an
2 honorary degree from Southern Methodist University and speaking at
3 the SMU Hart Global Leaders Forum on May 9, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1935, the Dalai Lama is the spiritual leader
5 and former head of state of Tibet; he is revered by Tibetan
6 Buddhists as the 14th reincarnation of the Buddha Avalokiteshvara,
7 who achieved spiritual enlightenment; and

8 WHEREAS, The homeland of the Dalai Lama was invaded by China
9 in 1949, and the following year, he was called on to assume full
10 political power; in 1959, he was forced to escape into exile, and he
11 has since lived in Dharamsala, India, the seat of the Tibetan
12 government in exile; he retired from his political role in March
13 2011; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the years, the Dalai Lama has become a beloved
15 and world-renowned champion for the ideals of compassion,
16 nonviolence, interreligious cooperation, and human rights; he has
17 traveled to more than 60 countries on 6 continents, speaking to the
18 public and meeting with presidents, monarchs, and other heads of
19 state, as well as clergy and scientists; he has authored more than
20 72 books and received countless awards, honorary degrees, and
21 prizes in recognition of his important work; in 1989, he was awarded
22 the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent struggle for the
23 liberation of Tibet; and

24 WHEREAS, The Dalai Lama is an inspiration to people of all

1 faiths and backgrounds, who look to him for guidance in an
2 increasingly complex world, and it is indeed a privilege to welcome
3 him to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby honor His Holiness the Dalai Lama on the
6 occasion of his visit to Southern Methodist University in Dallas
7 and extend to him sincere gratitude for his continued efforts in
8 behalf of global peace and understanding; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for His Holiness as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.

Branch

H.R. No. 1770

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1770 was adopted by the House on May 9, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House