

By: Branch

H.R. No. 1770

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.