

By: Branch

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Randall Stephenson, chair and CEO of AT&T, is
2 receiving the H. Neil Mallon Award from the World Affairs Council of
3 Dallas/Fort Worth on September 22, 2011, at a dinner in his honor;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1951, the World Affairs Council of
6 Dallas/Fort Worth is committed to fostering international
7 awareness, understanding, and connections and to helping North
8 Texans to thrive in the global economy; the council presents its
9 annual H. Neil Mallon Award to an individual who has excelled in
10 promoting global understanding and in raising the international
11 stature of the Metroplex; and

12 WHEREAS, Since taking the helm of AT&T in 2007, Randall
13 Stephenson has led in solidifying its position as the world's
14 largest telecommunications company; in 2008 he oversaw the
15 relocation of AT&T corporate headquarters to Dallas, a move that
16 has strengthened the area's reputation as a global business center;
17 under his leadership, moreover, AT&T continues to support numerous
18 philanthropic endeavors, such as AT&T Aspire; the most significant
19 education initiative in the company's history, the program is
20 focused on securing our nation's ability to compete internationally
21 by increasing high school graduation rates and by ensuring that
22 high school graduates are prepared to enter the workplace; and

23 WHEREAS, A longtime veteran of the telecommunications
24 industry, Mr. Stephenson began his career with Southwestern Bell

1 Telephone in 1982; his subsequent appointments included those of
2 finance director for SBC International and controller for SBC
3 Communications; prior to assuming his present post, he served as
4 senior executive vice president and chief financial officer of AT&T
5 from 2001 to 2004 and as chief operating officer from 2004 to 2007;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Stephenson also currently serves on the board of
8 directors of Emerson Electric Company and on the national executive
9 board of the Boy Scouts of America; in addition, he is giving
10 generously of his time and energy to the United Way of Metropolitan
11 Dallas as the chair of its 2011 campaign; and

12 WHEREAS, A highly accomplished leader and businessman,
13 Randall Stephenson has helped the North Texas region meet the
14 challenges of the global economy, and he is indeed worthy of this
15 prestigious accolade; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Randall Stephenson on his receipt
18 of the 2011 H. Neil Mallon Award and extend to him sincere best
19 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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