

By: Anderson

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Walter W. Rogers, grand master of the Masons of
2 Texas for 2012-2013, is addressing the Grand Master's Conference in
3 Waco on April 9, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, A longtime Mason, Walt Rogers began his journey in
5 Bedias Lodge No. 651; he became a Master Mason in 1978, and he
6 served his lodge as worshipful master and as secretary; he is an
7 endowed member of Bedias Lodge, as well as of Planters Lodge No. 147
8 in Plantersville, Park Place Lodge No. 1172 in Houston, and
9 Tranquility Lodge No. 2000; he is also a plural member of Point
10 Isabel Lodge No. 33 in Port Isabel and a member of South McAlester
11 Lodge No. 96 in McAlester, Oklahoma; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers undertook his first service to the Grand
13 Lodge in the early 1980s, when he assumed the office of district
14 deputy grand master in District No. 29; he went on to serve as state
15 coordinator, and his myriad leadership roles have further included
16 those of right worshipful grand junior warden, chair of the Special
17 Assignments Committee and of the Take Time to Read Committee, grand
18 senior deacon, and grand orator; since 1985, he has been grand
19 representative of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and he was
20 appointed grand representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in
21 2010; most recently, he was elected chair of the 2013 conference of
22 Grand Masters of North America; and

23 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan is active in the York Rite of
24 Freemasonry, and he is a member of the W. T. Austin Chapter No. 87,

1 Royal Arch Masons, and the W. T. Austin Council No. 52, Royal and
2 Select Masters; he has served in such key roles as commander of
3 Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar No. 8, and as patron of
4 Madisonville Chapter No. 193, Order of the Eastern Star; and

5 WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades, Mr. Rogers is a
6 member of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum Sam Houston Hall of
7 Fame, and he has been accorded the Golden Trowel and the William M.
8 Beck Award; in 1985, he was honored by the Supreme Council of the
9 Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry with the rank and
10 decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, and he was
11 subsequently coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Before his retirement in 2007, Mr. Rogers, a navy
14 veteran, pursued a successful career in steel fabrication, steel
15 erection, and construction management; he founded Universal Steel
16 Erectors and later guided major projects across the country for
17 Derr-Gruenwald before joining CDI Engineering Solutions; in all his
18 endeavors, he enjoys the support and encouragement of his wife,
19 Ardith Rogers, and their four daughters, Rebecca Elaine Morris,
20 Gail Linden Williams, Shauna Denise Jenkins, and Kristy Dawn
21 Carroll; his fine family has also grown to include seven
22 grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, Walt Rogers has demonstrated an exceptional
24 commitment to his lodge, his community, and to Freemasonry, and his
25 tireless efforts exemplify the highest ideals of Masonic service;
26 now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby honor Walter W. Rogers for his outstanding
2 contributions to Freemasonry and extend to him sincere best wishes
3 for continued success; and, be it further

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