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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas A&M University and The Association of Former
2 Students has honored James R. Thompson with a 2013 Distinguished
3 Alumnus Award; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of the class of 1968, Jim Thompson earned
5 a bachelor of science degree in architectural construction from
6 Texas A&M and was a member of Ross Volunteers and the Corps of
7 Cadets; he served as an instructor pilot in the United States Air
8 Force until 1973, worked in the construction industry for a decade,
9 and then founded James R. Thompson, Inc., an award-winning
10 commercial general contracting firm; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson remains active with his alma mater as a
12 member of the Kaufman County A&M Club, Class Agent for the Class of
13 '68, and chair of the Citizens Facility Advisory Council; he also
14 was on the school's Construction Industry Advisory Council, the
15 College of Architecture Advisory Council, the Chancellor's Century
16 Council, the Presidential Board of Visitors, the A&M Legacy
17 Society, and the Corps of Cadets Association; moreover, he has sat
18 on the advisory board of the 12th Man Foundation and the board of
19 The Association of Former Students; he chaired the Building
20 Enhancement Committee and played an integral role in several major
21 campus projects; in 2000, he received the Outstanding Alumni Award
22 from the College of Architecture, and he was inducted into the Corps
23 of Cadets Hall of Honor in 2011; this dynamic Aggie has also funded
24 a President's Endowed Scholarship, a Corps 21 Endowed Scholarship,

1 two Sul Ross Endowed Scholarships, and a Construction Science
2 Endowed Scholarship; and

3 WHEREAS, Engaged in his home community as well, Mr. Thompson
4 served on the Kaufman Independent School District Board for 15
5 years and helped to establish the Kaufman ISD Scholarship
6 Foundation; in addition, he is a former trustee of the Texas
7 Association of School Boards and served as a member of the Kaufman
8 County Appraisal District board; and

9 WHEREAS, Blessed with a fine family, he is supported in all
10 his endeavors by his wife, Donna Beth, and they are the proud
11 parents of three sons; and

12 WHEREAS, Jim Thompson has made immeasurable contributions to
13 the Texas A&M community, and he is indeed a worthy recipient of this
14 highest honor bestowed upon a former student of the institution;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate James R. Thompson on his receipt of
18 a Texas A&M University and The Association of Former Students 2013
19 Distinguished Alumnus Award and extend to him sincere best wishes
20 for continued success; and, be it further

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