

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 482

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize James P. Graham, who has been named the recipient of the 2015 Spirit of the Centennial Award by the Friends of Fair Park; and

WHEREAS, Jim Graham is owner, president, and chairman of Palo Petroleum, Incorporated, an independent oil and gas exploration firm in Dallas; he is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin and holds a master of business administration degree from Southern Methodist University; and

WHEREAS, He has been a strong supporter of the Friends of Fair Park for many years and has served as the organization's president; in recognition of his exemplary service, the group named him a charter member of the Knights of Magnolia Society; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Graham played a central role in bringing the World Cup to Dallas in 1994, and he was instrumental in the success of the event, which contributed more than \$300 million to the local economy and raised the profile of Fair Park and Dallas around the world; he has been a leader in promoting soccer in the region and has chaired the advisory board of CitiBeat, Incorporated, an inner-city youth soccer program; he served as president and managing general partner of the Major Indoor Soccer League champion Dallas Sidekicks and has been inducted into the North Texas Soccer Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, He has served as president and committee chair with the Dallas Park and Recreation Board and is chair of the Friends of Dallas Parks; he is truly deserving of special

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recognition for his many contributions to his profession and to his community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend James P. Graham on his many achievements and his exemplary efforts on behalf of the Friends of Fair Park and extend to him congratulations on being named the recipient of the 2015 Spirit of the Centennial Award; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Huffines, West

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 1, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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