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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, George E. Walker Jr. was presented with the  
2 Distinguished Graduate Award by the Texas A&M University Zachry  
3 Department of Civil Engineering on November 3, 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, The Distinguished Graduate Award is given annually  
5 to Zachry Department alumni who have excelled in the civil  
6 engineering profession and who have displayed exceptional  
7 character and community involvement; recipients of the award are  
8 nominated by fellow A&M graduates, and they are selected by the  
9 Texas A&M Civil Engineering Advisory Board; and

10 WHEREAS, "Jed" Walker graduated from Texas A&M in 1984 and  
11 soon after began his career at a regional engineering firm in  
12 Austin, where he worked for six years before returning to his  
13 hometown of Waco; in 2004, he opened his own civil engineering and  
14 surveying firm, Walker Partners, which has since added offices in  
15 Killeen and Austin; and

16 WHEREAS, Over the past three decades, Mr. Walker has  
17 spearheaded thousands of civil engineering projects in Waco and the  
18 surrounding Central Texas area; some of his most notable  
19 undertakings include the Cameron Park Zoo, Baylor University's  
20 McLane Stadium, and expansions and rehabilitations at the Waco  
21 Regional Airport; he also played a leading role in infrastructure  
22 reconstruction following the 2013 chemical explosion in the city of  
23 West; and

24 WHEREAS, Alongside his professional accomplishments, Mr.

1 Walker serves the local community through extensive civic  
2 involvement and has held leadership roles with the Waco Rotary  
3 Club, the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts of  
4 America, the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the  
5 Reicher Catholic High School Board; and

6 WHEREAS, Jed Walker has contributed to the development and  
7 vitality of the Central Texas area through his outstanding work in  
8 the engineering field and through his service to his fellow  
9 citizens, and he is indeed deserving of this prestigious honor;  
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Jed Walker on his receipt of the  
13 Distinguished Graduate Award from the Texas A&M University Zachry  
14 Department of Civil Engineering and extend to him sincere best  
15 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Mr. Walker as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
18 House of Representatives.