

By: Longoria

H.R. No. 991

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Richard Mithoff of Houston was named the recipient
2 of the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Texas Law Alumni
3 Association; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of The University of Texas School of Law
5 Class of 1971, Richard Mithoff is consistently ranked among the top
6 trial lawyers in the country; his diverse client list has ranged
7 from the Texas Heart Institute to Willie Nelson to the family of
8 police-shooting victim Pedro Oregon; over the years, he has
9 represented BP shareholders in the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
10 litigation and Harris County in the tobacco and Volkswagen matters,
11 among other high-profile cases; he has served his profession as a
12 member of the Supreme Court of Texas Committee on Judicial
13 Appointments and the State Bar of Texas Committee on Pattern Jury
14 Charges and as special assistant disciplinary counsel to the Texas
15 Commission for Lawyer Discipline; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Mithoff assisted in the establishment of the Joe
17 Jamail Endowment for Legal Services for Veterans through Texas
18 Access to Justice; a trustee of the UT Texas Law School Foundation,
19 he has endowed a series of scholarships at his alma mater, and he
20 and his wife, Ginni, are major benefactors of the UT Law School
21 Foundation and the Richard and Ginni Mithoff Pro Bono Program; the
22 couple also donated \$10 million to the Harris County Hospital
23 District Foundation for the creation of the Children's Health Fund,
24 and with their son, Michael, and his wife, Melissa, they

1 spearheaded the \$35 million capital campaign for the Children's
2 Museum of Houston; in addition, Mr. and Mrs. Mithoff have given
3 generously of their time and resources to UTHealth, Family Services
4 of Greater Houston, the *Houston Chronicle's* Goodfellows Program,
5 and many other worthy causes; and

6 WHEREAS, Widely admired for both his professional
7 accomplishments and his philanthropic endeavors, Richard Mithoff
8 has been the recipient of myriad accolades, and he is richly
9 deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Richard Mithoff on his receipt of
12 the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Law Alumni
13 Association and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;
14 and, be it further

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