SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 554

WHEREAS, The celebrated author and scholar Andrew Roberts is visiting the Texas State Capitol on April 10, 2019, providing a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Born in London in 1963, Andrew Roberts earned a first class honors degree in modern history at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he is also an honorary senior scholar and a doctor of philosophy; at present, he is a visiting professor in the War Studies Department at King's College, London, and the Lehrman Institute lecturer at the New-York Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts has authored or edited 19 volumes of political biography and military history, which have been translated into 22 languages; his book Masters and Commanders, about the grand strategy of the Allies during World War II, won the Emery Reves Award of the International Churchill Society, and The Storm of War: A New History of the Second World War reached number two on the Sunday Times bestseller list and won the British Army Military Book Award in 2010; and

WHEREAS, He is a popular and prolific writer, and his lively biographies include volumes on Napoleon, British prime minister Lord Salisbury, and Indian viceroy Lord Halifax, as well as joint studies, such as Hitler and Churchill and Napoleon and Wellington, and several books about the British royal family; his recent bestselling biography, Churchill: Walking with Destiny, has been highly praised in the Times of London and the New York Times, which called it "the best single-volume biography of Churchill yet written"; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his books, Mr. Roberts is the author of dozens of reviews and articles for nearly every major newspaper and magazine in the United States and Britain; a sought-after public speaker, he has delivered lectures at the White House, the United States Army War College, and Oxford, Cambridge, Yale, Princeton, and Stanford Universities, and he has been a television commentator for such events as the funeral of Princess Diana and the royal weddings of Prince William and Kate Middleton and Prince Harry and Meghan Markle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts is married to Susan Gilchrist, and he is the father of two children, Henry and Cassia; and

WHEREAS, A gifted writer and an insightful historian, Andrew Roberts may indeed take great pride in his remarkable literary accomplishments, and it is a pleasure to welcome him to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby commend Andrew Roberts on his myriad achievements as an author and scholar and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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 $\tt RESOLVED$, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Roberts as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

Campbell

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 10, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate