

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 731

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Andrea McWilliams, who has recently been named the 2019 Texas Businesswoman of the Year by the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Andrea McWilliams is a national political commentator and a renowned lobbyist who is noted for her ability to combine grace with grit and patience with persuasion; she is respected for her unique expertise drawn from her experience in both the public and private sectors, and she is a leading figure in the Austin community and a well-known philanthropist; and

WHEREAS, Andrea has received national acclaim from FOX News, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek*, *USA Today*, CNN, the BBC, and NPR for her role as a skilled political strategist and her work as a top fund-raiser; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, she was the lobbyist profiled along with Governor Greg Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, and Speaker of the House Joe Straus in *Texas Monthly's* "POWER" feature, which highlighted some of the most powerful people at the Texas Capitol; and

WHEREAS, She has received the Austin Under 40 Award, and the *Austin American-Statesman* honored her as a member of its Glossy 8 list and named her to its "All-Stars" Fortunate 500 list; and

WHEREAS, Andrea McWilliams also has served as a board member for many nonprofit organizations, a number of which focus on preserving Austin's past and architectural and historical landmarks; and

WHEREAS, She is the cofounder, along with her husband, Dean, of McWilliams Governmental Affairs Consultants, Incorporated, and she is a loving mother who raises her three children in a historic home in Old Enfield; a breast cancer survivor, Andrea McWilliams is a strong and influential voice on behalf of the cancer community, and she provides support and inspiration to other young women with her story of hard work and endurance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby commend Andrea McWilliams on her exceptional achievements and her invaluable contributions to the community and extend to her congratulations on her selection as the Texas Businesswoman of the Year; and, be it further

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

Campbell

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 13, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate