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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Earl Nottingham is being recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus of the Temple Independent School District at the annual awards dinner of the Temple Education Foundation on October 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Each autumn, the TEF awards gala raises funds for student scholarships and innovative teaching grants; the event also offers an opportunity for the foundation to honor distinguished alumni who have gone on to successful careers; and

WHEREAS, A 1972 graduate of Temple High School, Earl Nottingham is widely considered one of the preeminent photographers in Texas; he attended The Art Institute of Atlanta and earned a bachelor's degree in photography from East Texas State University, and after working as a successful freelancer, he became chief photographer for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his impressive 25-year career with TPWD, Mr. Nottingham journeyed to every corner of the Lone Star State, creating a vivid visual record of its sweeping landscapes, fascinating people, and many historical treasures; he retired from TPWD in 2021, and he continues to shoot professional assignments and teach photography workshops; he is also a popular public speaker; and

WHEREAS, A proud son of Temple, Earl Nottingham has built upon the strong educational foundation he received in the community's schools to pursue an impressive and fulfilling career, and he is a worthy recipient of this prestigious award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Earl Nottingham on his recognition as a Distinguished Alumnus of the Temple Independent School District and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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