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H.R. No. 183

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, David Winfield Killam of Laredo has been selected as
2 the 2025 Mr. South Texas honoree by the Washington's Birthday
3 Celebration Association in recognition of his contributions to the
4 growth and development of the region; and

5 WHEREAS, A leader in his community, Mr. Killam has applied
6 his business acumen in a broad range of fields, including oil and
7 gas exploration, real estate development, and ranching; he holds a
8 bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Austin and a
9 certificate in ranch management from Texas Christian University;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Killam has long demonstrated a steadfast
12 commitment to the quality of life in Laredo; as an underwriter of
13 residency programs at the University of the Incarnate Word and the
14 Texas A&M University College of Medicine, he has helped to enhance
15 medical training and health care access; he further supports higher
16 education through various scholarship programs, and his family's
17 significant donation of land to Texas A&M International University
18 led to the creation of its 300-acre campus; in addition, the Killams
19 have contributed easements and land for essential infrastructure
20 projects, such as water lines, roads, and highways, advancing
21 Laredo's economic prosperity; and

22 WHEREAS, Active in a number of organizations, Mr. Killam has
23 held leadership positions with the Texas Oil & Gas Association, the
24 Texas State History Museum Foundation, and the Young Presidents'

1 Organization; he is also a champion of stewardship and conservation
2 efforts, serving as chair of the advisory board of the Caesar
3 Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, which named him the 2023 South
4 Texan of the Year; in recognition of his work, he has received
5 numerous other accolades, including a Lone Star Land Steward Award
6 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and a Leopold
7 Conservation Award from the Sand County Foundation; and

8 WHEREAS, Through his professional and philanthropic
9 endeavors, David Killam has made a lasting, positive difference in
10 the Laredo community, and he is richly deserving of this special
11 recognition; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate David Winfield Killam on his
14 selection as Mr. South Texas by the Washington's Birthday
15 Celebration Association and extend to him sincere best wishes for
16 continued success; and, be it further

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