

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Leroy Nellis has been named a recipient of a 2025  
2 Distinguished Alumni Award by the Killeen Independent School  
3 District Alumni Association; and

4 WHEREAS, Each year, the alumni association recognizes  
5 Killeen ISD graduates who have contributed significantly to their  
6 communities or professions and who serve as inspiring role models  
7 for future generations; and

8 WHEREAS, As a student at Killeen High School, Mr. Nellis  
9 worked a nearly full-time job, and he graduated as valedictorian of  
10 the Class of 1965; he received a scholarship to The University of  
11 Texas at Austin and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in  
12 accounting in 1969; that same year, he joined the Texas Army  
13 National Guard; and

14 WHEREAS, While working for a large Houston firm, Mr. Nellis  
15 became a certified public accountant; he subsequently completed his  
16 graduate studies and was hired as budget director of the UT Austin  
17 library system; from 1994 until his retirement in 2013, he oversaw  
18 the Travis County budget; dedicated to serving his fellow citizens,  
19 he pursued a dual military career for 33 years, eventually  
20 attaining the rank of command sergeant major; he spent a year on  
21 active duty during Operation Desert Storm and completed 26 airborne  
22 jumps; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Nellis began volunteering as a mentor in Austin  
24 ISD in 2002, and he was named Mentor of the Year in 2003; tirelessly

1 working to find ways to benefit children, he arranged to take  
2 students to observe court proceedings and talk to judges and  
3 prosecutors; he also collaborated with local leaders to facilitate  
4 opportunities for high school students to earn community college  
5 certificates in information technology, health careers, and  
6 construction trades; in addition, he was instrumental in bringing a  
7 Boys and Girls Club to Del Valle; he has served for many years as a  
8 mentor with Seedling, an organization that supports children whose  
9 parents are incarcerated or on parole, and he further gave of his  
10 time and efforts as a member of its board from 2013 to 2019;  
11 moreover, he has spearheaded efforts to recruit volunteers as chair  
12 of the marketing committee for Central Texas Mentoring  
13 Collaborative; and

14 WHEREAS, The accomplishments of noteworthy alumni are a  
15 source of great pride to all those associated with Killeen ISD, and  
16 Leroy Nellis is indeed deserving of this prestigious honor; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Leroy Nellis on his receipt of a  
20 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Killeen Independent School  
21 District Alumni Association and extend to him sincere best wishes  
22 for continued success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1048

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1048 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House