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H.R. No. 1048

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.