



H.Res. 31 – Recognizing the Honorable Andrew L. Jefferson, Jr., on the occasion of the establishment of an endowment for trial advocacy called the "Andrew L. Jefferson Endowment for Trial Advocacy" at Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston, Texas

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 31 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX) on January 5, 2007. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, but was never considered.

H.Res. 31 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 17, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 31 resolves that the House of Representatives commends Andrew L. Jefferson, Jr., on his achievements and extends congratulations to him on his selection as the First Endowed Chair of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Trial Advocacy Program.

BACKGROUND

Andrew L. Jefferson, Jr. graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 1959. Mr. Jefferson went on to serve as assistant criminal district attorney for Boxer County, Texas, and as chief assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas. Judge Jefferson is also admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States. He is a former chairman of the board of the Houston Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, and of the Texas Southern University Foundation.

In 2001, the Andrew L. Jefferson Endowment for Trial Advocacy was established at Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston, Texas. This endowment seeks to preserve the jury trial in order to consider issues of ethics and excellence in advocacy and the role of litigation in society.

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