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**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
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58TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ
September 14, 2006**

TITLE: WILLIAM "BILL" HALE

**PURPOSE: IN MEMORIAM AND COMMENDATION TO
WILLIAM MAX HALE FOR HIS
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CAUSE
OF EQUAL OPPORUTNITY AND HUMAN
RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA) is a professional association of over 140 state, county, and local human relations commissions in the United States of America and several statutory human rights agencies in Canada that has as its purpose and jurisdiction the elimination of discrimination; and,

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Hale passed away on March 17, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Bill grew up in the Texas Panhandle; he was a passionate civil rights advocate, and he worked at the Mobilization for Youth program with Michael Schwerner in New York and marched with Martin Luther King, Jr., in the South; and

WHEREAS, early in his career, Bill served as director and area coordinator of the Volunteers in Service to America program; he was director of the Fort Worth Human Relations Commission and was instrumental in the passage of the Texas Fair Housing Act and the Texas Commission on Human Rights Act by the Texas Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Bill was the first executive director of the Texas Human Rights Commission, a position he held for 17 years; under his direction, the agency was able to obtain the first successful enforcement of fair housing laws against Ku Klux Klan; and

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WHEREAS, Bill served as president of the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies from 1995-1999 and chair of the Austin Human Rights Commission; and

WHEREAS, during Bill's tenure as president IAOHRA developed and implemented its training program which was greatly received by many corporations; and

WHEREAS, Bill received numerous national and international honors for his work and was recognized by the Texas Senate and the House of Representatives for his contributions to the state; and

WHEREAS, a man of courage, strength, and compassion, Bill gave generously to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him;

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Max Hale will be remembered for his commitment and dedication to equality and justice for all;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the membership of IAOHRA extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family of William "Bill" Max Hale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that IAOHRA recognizes the many years of outstanding and dedicated service of William "Bill" Max Hale.

James L. Stowe, President