

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The members of the I Am That I Am Academy Senior  
2 Class of 2004 truly merit special recognition on the occasion of  
3 their graduation from that fine institution on May 28, 2004; and

4           WHEREAS, The exceptional young men and women who compose the  
5 school's senior class may proudly reflect on their many  
6 accomplishments as they stand on the threshold of a future bright  
7 with promise; those graduation candidates include Willie Cooks,  
8 Jr., Martavius Curry, Latoya Fisher, Velma Fisher, Corey Gee, Keith  
9 Hemphill, Montoya Jackson, Montrell Jackson, Michael Johnson,  
10 Brandon Jones, Cherika Jones, LaTarry Kellum, Dexter Lewis, Tristan  
11 Osby, Ashley Thomas, and Robin Williams; and

12           WHEREAS, In the mid-1980s, Delores Beall set out to help the  
13 youth of the Oak Cliff community in south Dallas who were exposed to  
14 the dangers of drugs, street gangs, and vandalism; with monthly  
15 donations from concerned citizens, she organized the I Am That I Am  
16 Training Center, where she transported neighborhood children and  
17 teenagers in the evenings for after-school tutoring; in 1998, Ms.  
18 Beall's program received accreditation by the Texas State Board of  
19 Education as the I Am That I Am Academy of Fine Arts, Science and  
20 Technology Charter Public School, with a stated mission of  
21 empowering children and youth with the skills and tools of today to  
22 become part of the technology workforce for the 21st century; and

23           WHEREAS, The 16 graduating seniors of the Dallas school faced  
24 significant challenges when they began their education, but with

1 hard work, determination, and the support of their families and a  
2 dedicated faculty and staff, they have reached their goal of  
3 attaining a high school diploma, and it is a privilege to honor this  
4 future generation of leaders; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
6 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate the I Am That  
7 I Am graduating seniors of 2004 and extend to the students sincere  
8 best wishes for continued success in all of their endeavors; and, be  
9 it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the class as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
12 House of Representatives.

Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 122

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 122 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House