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H.R. No. 216

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A. Jo Baylor has been accorded the annual Government
2 Achievement Award by the National Federation of Black Women
3 Business Owners; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Baylor serves as director of the Office of Small
5 and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) at the U.S.
6 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), where she is
7 responsible for the implementation and execution of HUD's
8 activities and programs in behalf of small businesses; and

9 WHEREAS, Sworn in as director in July 2001, Ms. Baylor has
10 overseen remarkable success in achieving that office's mission;
11 last year, HUD awarded 54 percent of its contract dollars to small
12 businesses, far exceeding its Small Business Administration (SBA)
13 goal of 31 percent, and HUD surpassed all other federal agencies in
14 making awards to 8(a) firms, women-owned small businesses, and
15 businesses owned by service-disabled veterans; and

16 WHEREAS, Since Ms. Baylor took the helm at OSDBU, HUD has been
17 recognized by the Women's Business Network for its outstanding
18 record in granting awards to women-owned businesses, and it has
19 earned the SBA Frances Perkins Vanguard Award three consecutive
20 years for its exceptional achievements in awarding contracts to
21 small businesses; and

22 WHEREAS, Recognizing Ms. Baylor's commitment to affordable
23 housing, contracting access for small businesses, and better
24 neighborhoods for America's inner-city youth, President George W.

1 Bush selected this distinguished individual to lead OSDBU, and Ms.
2 Baylor has proven worthy of that trust; she has served her fellow
3 citizens with integrity and dedication, and she has played a
4 pivotal role in ensuring HUD's provision of myriad opportunities to
5 small and disadvantaged businesses; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor A. Jo Baylor for her
8 receipt of the Government Achievement Award from the National
9 Federation of Black Women Business Owners and extend to her sincere
10 best wishes for continued success in all her endeavors; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Ms. Baylor as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.