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H.R. No. 181

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Billy F. Ingram of Dallas has deservedly been named
2 the recipient of an Outstanding Texan Award in the area of public
3 safety by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Memphis, Tennessee, Mr. Ingram attended the
5 University of Tennessee at Knoxville; he later went on to become a
6 state Certified Firefighter Emergency Medical Technician and a
7 state Certified Field Examiner and Intermediate Firefighter
8 Instructor; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Ingram joined the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
10 in 1985 and currently serves as a recruiter; he is an active member
11 of the International Association of Black Professional
12 Firefighters and was elected in 2000 as president of the Dallas
13 Black Firefighters Association (BFFA), in which capacity he has
14 been instrumental in expanding membership and fostering
15 firefighters' volunteer service to the community; and

16 WHEREAS, Among the initiatives undertaken during his tenure
17 as BFFA president have been an after-school tutoring and mentoring
18 program, a summer "Break the Cycle" program, and a Fire-Rescue
19 Department Explorer program; Mr. Ingram has also led BFFA
20 participation in charity fund-raising drives, sought a \$25,000
21 grant to provide smoke detectors for residences in low-income
22 neighborhoods, and played a vital role in founding the Vincent
23 Davis Summer Camp and the United Firefighters Community Vanguard
24 Foundation; he has further dedicated substantial time and energy as

1 a mentor to two students and as a swimming instructor for children
2 at Skyline Ranch and St. Phillips School; and

3 WHEREAS, In recognition of his exceptional contributions to
4 his fellow Texans, Mr. Ingram has been accorded many honors,
5 including the Distinguished Service Award from the Dallas
6 Fire-Rescue Department, the Medal of Valor from the BFFA, the Black
7 Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, and the Pinnacle Award
8 from Dallas Community Leadership; and

9 WHEREAS, Billy Ingram has enhanced the quality of life in
10 Dallas in countless ways, and his wholehearted service to others is
11 a source of great pride and inspiration to all who know him; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Billy F. Ingram on being named an
15 Outstanding Texan in the area of public safety by the Texas
16 Legislative Black Caucus and extend to him warmest best wishes for
17 continued success; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Mr. Ingram as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.