

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Princess Hopson of Beaumont has received the Whitney
2 M. Young Jr. Service Award from the Three Rivers Council, Boy Scouts
3 of America, for her exemplary commitment to her community; and

4 WHEREAS, Following in the footsteps of her parents, whose
5 legacy of service had a lasting and positive effect on their
6 daughter as well as on their fellow citizens, Mrs. Hopson
7 demonstrates that family attribute as she promotes life-enhancing
8 affiliations, particularly with scouting and church; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hopson's father, the Reverend Charles Graham,
10 established Graham Congregational Church, which became an anchor
11 of African-American life in Beaumont and continues to be his
12 daughter's house of worship today and a source of spiritual and
13 practical assistance for many in the community; moreover, Reverend
14 Graham founded Barnwell Community Center, which included a soup
15 kitchen and garden, the Beaumont Negro Goodwill Council, a branch
16 of the YMCA, which later became what is now the L. L. Melton YMCA,
17 and the first African-American newspaper in Southeast Texas; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hopson grew up feeling that she was a part of
19 Boy Scout Troop 24, which was founded in 1931 by her father as the
20 first local troop established for African Americans; she recalls
21 frequent troop-sponsored family activities held at the church;
22 during her 23-year tenure as manager of Plymouth Village
23 Apartments, she ensured that tenants with children received
24 applications for scouting membership along with their lease

1 information and promoted parental involvement in scouting; and

2 WHEREAS, Today, Mrs. Hopson encourages young men and women,
3 including members of her own family, to consider community service
4 and scouting as excellent uses of their time and resources; her
5 close-knit family includes five children, Rayford L. Hopson,
6 Madison G. Hopson, Hermann C. Hopson, Ida M. E. Browning, and
7 Priscilla B. N. Simmons, and she has passed on her avid interest in
8 scouting to her relatives; and

9 WHEREAS, Princess Hopson's outstanding leadership and
10 untiring devotion to the community of Beaumont have truly enhanced
11 the lives of her neighbors and fellow citizens, and she has long
12 served as an inspiration to all those who have been privileged to
13 know her; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
15 Legislature hereby commend Princess Hopson on being named the
16 recipient of the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award from the Three
17 Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America, and extend to her warmest
18 best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1046

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1046 was adopted by the House on May 20, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House