

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Rushion McDonald is a talented writer, producer, and  
2 comedian, and his success in the entertainment business has gained  
3 him a host of devoted fans; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Houston's Fifth Ward, Mr. McDonald is a  
5 graduate of Forest Brook Senior High School and earned a bachelor's  
6 degree in mathematics from the University of Houston; in 1986, he  
7 left his job with IBM to pursue a career as a stand-up comedian, and  
8 six years later he opened his own comedy club, the Hip-Hop Comedy  
9 Stop; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald's work as a comedy writer led to jobs as  
11 story editor for ABC's *Me and the Boys* and as executive story editor  
12 for the WB's *The Parent Hood*; he began work as coproducer of *The*  
13 *Arsenio Hall Show* in 1996, and he has since served as supervising  
14 producer for the WB's popular sitcom *Sister, Sister*, co-executive  
15 producer for the WB's *The Jamie Foxx Show*, and consulting producer  
16 for UPN's *The Parkers*; and

17           WHEREAS, A man of great imagination, he is the creator and  
18 executive producer of *The Hoodie Awards* and is currently developing  
19 shows for Disney Television and Mike Young Productions; also a  
20 leader in talent management, he is helping to guide the careers of  
21 comedians Steve Harvey and J. Anthony Brown; and

22           WHEREAS, Rushion McDonald has followed his dreams to build a  
23 successful career in the entertainment industry, and his dedication  
24 and commitment to excellence are an inspiration to all who know him;

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1 to pay tribute to this talented Texan, a flag has been flown over  
2 the State Capitol in his honor; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby commend Rushion McDonald for his contributions  
5 to the field of entertainment and extend to him best wishes for  
6 continued success and happiness in all his endeavors; and, be it  
7 further

8       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Mr. McDonald as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1300 was adopted by the House on May 20, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House