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## RESOLUTION

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

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

WHEREAS, A man of great imagination, he is the creator and executive producer of *The Hoodie Awards* and is currently developing shows for Disney Television and Mike Young Productions; also a leader in talent management, he is helping to guide the careers of 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

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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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