

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 888

WHEREAS, Rushion McDonald is a talented writer, producer, and comedian, and his continued success in the entertainment business is bringing laughter and joy into the lives of millions of 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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby honor Rushion McDonald for his contributions to the field of entertainment and extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness in all his endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. McDonald as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 20, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate