

By: Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 226

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, DeMetris Sampson of Dallas has been selected as a
2 recipient of a 2005 Outstanding Texan Award in the area of
3 professional service by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus; and

4 WHEREAS, Outstanding Texans are honored for the positive
5 impact they make in their communities, and as the first African
6 American woman to become a partner in a majority firm in Dallas, Ms.
7 Sampson serves as an inspiration and an outstanding role model to
8 many; and

9 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, Ms.
10 Sampson went on to earn advanced law degrees there and at Southern
11 Methodist University School of Law before embarking on her richly
12 varied legal career, which has included work with the San Antonio
13 City Attorney's Office, the Dallas County District Attorney's
14 Office, the Committee on Judicial Affairs for the Texas House of
15 Representatives, and her current work in private practice as a
16 managing partner with the Dallas office of Linebarger Goggan Blair
17 & Sampson, LLP; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Sampson's contributions to the community extend
19 far beyond her professional life, and she has lent her time and
20 talent to a number of worthwhile civic activities, serving on the
21 board of the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce and co-chairing
22 successful bond campaigns for the City of Dallas and the Dallas
23 Independent School District; and

24 WHEREAS, She has also served on the advisory panel of the

1 North Texas Future Fund and the executive committee of The
2 University of Texas Law School Alumni Association, and has been a
3 member of the Dallas Domestic Violence Task Force since 1987; and

4 WHEREAS, Her extensive expertise on the law and lawmaking is
5 much sought after by her professional peers, and she has chaired the
6 Dallas Bar Association's Legislation Committee and the Political
7 Congress of African American Women; a founding member of the Inn of
8 Court, she is also a member of the Dallas Bar Foundation and the
9 Texas Bar Foundation; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Sampson is the recipient of numerous honors,
11 including the Martin Luther King, Jr., Justice Award bestowed by
12 the five local bar associations, the Maura Award from the Women's
13 Center of Dallas, and The University of Texas Ex-Students
14 Association's Outstanding Young Texas Ex Award; and

15 WHEREAS, DeMetris Sampson has demonstrated a profound
16 commitment to the law and to her community, and her professional
17 achievements have produced results of lasting benefit to countless
18 Texans; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
20 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor DeMetris Sampson on
21 her receipt of an Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas
22 Legislative Black Caucus and extend to her sincere best wishes for
23 the future; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Ms. Sampson as an expression of high regard by the
26 Texas House of Representatives.