

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120

WHEREAS, Vikki J. Martin has made important contributions as a community advocate in the City of Dallas, and her extraordinary work as executive director of the Ferguson Road Initiative has produced results of lasting benefit to area Texans; and

WHEREAS, A professional artist and educator at the Episcopal School of Dallas, Ms. Martin earned her bachelor's degree in painting from the University of Tulsa and her master's degree in drawing from The University of Texas at Austin; she is also a graduate of the Interaction Institute for Social Change in Dallas; and

WHEREAS, This noteworthy Texan has worked tirelessly to launch grassroots campaigns for community development, mobilization, and consensus building; an effective civic leader and activist, she helped to start the Claremont Addition Neighborhood Association/Crime Watch 1177, which eventually became the Ferguson Road Initiative, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the improvement of the lower Ferguson Road community; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership, the Ferguson Road Initiative is promoting and protecting the interests of 13 neighborhood associations and 20,000 residents, businesses, churches, and schools; moreover, the organization has secured a "Weed and Seed" grant from the United States Department of Justice, which has aided an antiviolence and anticrime strategy in the area; and

WHEREAS, The strength of our cities depends on the dedication of individuals like Vikki Martin, who has volunteered her time and talents to help restore and revitalize the Ferguson Road community, and it is a privilege to recognize her many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Vikki J. Martin for her exceptional contributions to the City of Dallas and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success and achievement; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Ms. Martin as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 19, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate