

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 159

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Mamie McKnight of Dallas is receiving a Profiles  
2 in Leadership Award from the Southern Methodist University Women's  
3 Symposium on February 21, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, The Profiles in Leadership Award recognizes the  
5 accomplishments of Texas women who have made a significant impact  
6 on the city of Dallas and on the quality of life for women overall;  
7 Dr. McKnight is being honored for her work with Black Dallas  
8 Remembered, Inc., an historical research and community education  
9 organization, as well as her career of community service; and

10 WHEREAS, A native of Dallas, this accomplished woman  
11 graduated from Lincoln High School as valedictorian, received her  
12 bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics and chemistry from  
13 Prairie View A&M College, and earned her doctorate from North Texas  
14 State University in counseling psychology and student personnel  
15 administration; she has taught mathematics and acted as a counselor  
16 in several Dallas public schools, and she has distinguished herself  
17 in a number of administrative positions with the Dallas County  
18 Community College District and as an administrator of special  
19 projects at the University of North Texas at Dallas; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1983, Dr. McKnight founded Black Dallas  
21 Remembered, Inc., as a way to preserve and promote African American  
22 history in Dallas; several years ago, the nonprofit organization  
23 began operating the city-owned Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House,  
24 a museum and learning center, and later received a generous gift

1 from the Hill-Smith family, a 2,900-square-foot ranch-style house  
2 in the State-Thomas historic neighborhood of Dallas, which  
3 currently serves as a museum, rental space, and library for the  
4 organization's archives; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to serving as executive director of  
6 Black Dallas Remembered and producing numerous publications and  
7 presentations on education and African American history, Dr.  
8 McKnight has also led preservation efforts as chair of the Dallas  
9 Landmark Commission and the Texas Historical Commission Review  
10 Board; in 1999, she was appointed by the governor to a six-year term  
11 on the Texas Historical Commission and she has received numerous  
12 awards, including the first Maurine F. Bailey Award, the University  
13 of North Texas Outstanding Alumna Award, the Dallas Black Chamber  
14 of Commerce Willow Award, and induction into the Texas Women's Hall  
15 of Fame; and

16 WHEREAS, Blessed with a devoted and loving family, Mamie  
17 McKnight has been supported in all her endeavors by her husband,  
18 Elza, her daughter, Ginger, her son-in-law, Kevin, and her  
19 granddaughter, Cameron; her extraordinary achievements as a  
20 community leader have distinguished her as a much-treasured citizen  
21 of Dallas, and she is indeed deserving of this prestigious award;  
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Mamie McKnight on her receipt  
25 of a 2005 Profiles in Leadership Award and commend her for her  
26 outstanding professional accomplishments and civic contributions;  
27 and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for Dr. McKnight as an expression of high regard by the  
3 Texas House of Representatives.