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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Reginald Gates has distinguished himself as an
2 astute businessperson, an able administrator, and a valued voice of
3 the African American professional community, and it is indeed
4 fitting to recognize the many accomplishments of this talented
5 Texan; and

6 WHEREAS, On his graduation from Bishop College in 1980, Mr.
7 Gates immediately became the college's youngest administrator,
8 taking on the job of director of campus housing, and since that time
9 his career has continued to progress at a remarkable rate; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Gates also holds a master's degree in education
11 from Prairie View A&M University, and this credential is much in
12 keeping with his experience as a project manager and assistant area
13 director with the United Negro College Fund; and

14 WHEREAS, His tenure as president and chief executive officer
15 of the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce was apt
16 preparation for his current role as president and chief operating
17 officer of the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, the nation's
18 largest and oldest specialty chamber of commerce; and

19 WHEREAS, The many contributions Mr. Gates has made to the
20 greater good have not escaped the notice of his peers and
21 colleagues, and he is the recipient of numerous accolades,
22 including the Steps to Excellence Positive Sisters' Daring to Care
23 Award, the Texas Association of African American Chambers of
24 Commerce Chairman's Award, the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black

1 Chamber of Commerce Eagle Award, and the United Negro College Fund
2 Leadership Award, and he has also been named Man of the Year by the
3 Southeast Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club and by
4 Cornerstone Baptist Church; and

5 WHEREAS, In dedicating himself to the betterment of the world
6 in which he lives, Reginald Gates has defined himself as a role
7 model for every citizen who seeks to make a difference; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor Reginald Gates of Dallas for his many
11 achievements and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
12 success; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Mr. Gates as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.