

By: Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 639

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Betty Culbreath-Lister has earned the Weselene
2 Wiley Inspirational Award for Lifetime Achievement; and

3 WHEREAS, Presented by the Dallas Chapter of the National
4 Association of Black Social Workers, Inc., this prestigious honor
5 recognizes exceptional public service performed in behalf of
6 residents of Dallas County; and

7 WHEREAS, An active leader in her community, Ms.
8 Culbreath-Lister worked with Dallas County Public Health for 20
9 years before her retirement, and her resume includes leading the
10 Human Services Department, Health and Human Services after the
11 department's merger, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
12 Development Section 8 Voucher Program; and

13 WHEREAS, Her commitment and expertise have also been of great
14 benefit to the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Board and
15 the City of Dallas Planning Commission, which she has served as both
16 member and chair, and the Dallas County Hospital Board of Managers;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The outstanding efforts of Ms. Culbreath-Lister
19 have earned her a host of accolades, including the South Dallas
20 Business and Professional Women Trailblazer Award, the Linda
21 Keithley Award for Women in Public Management, the FAA Minority
22 Procurement Award, and the 2002 Texas Black Women in Health Matters
23 Award; and

24 WHEREAS, A native of Dallas County, she graduated from Booker

1 T. Washington High School and attended Huston-Tillotson College in
2 Austin; today, she heads Betty Culbreath and Associates and works
3 as volunteer executive director of the Ex-Con Foundation, a
4 noteworthy program that assists ex-convicts with reintegration
5 into society; and

6 WHEREAS, For decades, North Texas has reaped the benefits of
7 this esteemed woman's dedication, integrity, and leadership; her
8 hard work has made a positive difference in many lives, and her
9 efforts are all the more remarkable given that in May 2003, she
10 underwent a kidney transplant; today, her example gives hope to
11 those who face kidney disease themselves, inspires others to
12 consider organ donation, and shows what a powerful impact one
13 person can make on the world around her; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Betty Culbreath-Lister on earning
16 the Weselene Wiley Inspirational Award for Lifetime Achievement and
17 commend her for her service in behalf of Dallas County; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Ms. Culbreath-Lister as an expression of high regard
21 by the Texas House of Representatives.