

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jay O. Oji has been selected as a recipient of the
2 Outstanding Texan Award in the area of business by the Texas
3 Legislative Black Caucus; and

4 WHEREAS, Outstanding Texans are honored for the positive
5 impact they make in their communities, and Mr. Oji merits this
6 accolade for his exceptional dedication to providing housing for
7 low- and moderate-income families; and

8 WHEREAS, Since 1998, Mr. Oji has served as president and CEO
9 of the Dallas-based Sphinx Development Corporation, a nonprofit
10 company that focuses on the development of affordable housing;
11 through new construction and rehabilitation, the firm has completed
12 hundreds of affordable units in projects located both in the inner
13 city and in the suburbs; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Oji has extensive experience in real estate
15 research, valuation, market feasibility analysis, and highest and
16 best use analysis of residential and commercial properties;
17 previous achievements include assembling a 46-acre parcel for
18 Farmers Market, a residential/commercial development, and
19 assembling a 72-acre parcel for Texas Plaza, a project intended for
20 high-tech office, hospitality, and commercial use; and

21 WHEREAS, Educated at The University of Texas at Arlington,
22 Southern Methodist University, and Abilene Christian University at
23 Dallas, Mr. Oji holds a B.B.A. in real estate and finance and an
24 M.B.A. in management systems; he has also completed a number of

1 courses offered by the Appraisal Institute; and

2 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan is a designated member of the
3 Appraisal Institute, a member of the Urban Land Institute, and a
4 candidate for designation as a Certified Commercial Investment
5 Member; in addition, he serves on the Texas Low Income Housing Tax
6 Credit Advisory Committee; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Oji is the devoted husband of Estelle and the
8 proud father of twins, Arinze and Amara; and

9 WHEREAS, Jay Oji has had a profound effect on the lives of
10 countless residents of the Lone Star State, and it is a pleasure to
11 recognize him at this time; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature hereby commend Jay O. Oji on being named a recipient of
14 the Outstanding Texan Award in the area of business by the Texas
15 Legislative Black Caucus and extend to him sincere best wishes for
16 continued success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. Oji as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.

Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 2115

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2115 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House