

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 2115

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.