

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 172**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas takes great pride in recognizing Minorities for Equality in Employment, Education, Liberty and Justice, Incorporated, on the occasion of its official public opening; and

**WHEREAS**, As its formal opening, the organization is hosting its First Annual Winter Extravaganza on February 25, 2005; the event will feature illustrious keynote speaker Congresswoman Maxine Waters; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Waters is well known for her support of the goals of this organization; her programs, such as Youth Fair Chance and Project Build, help young people to learn job and life skills and can offer valuable guidance on building other effective programs; and

**WHEREAS**, The goal of this organization is to help at-risk young people and formerly incarcerated persons to become self-sufficient, responsible members of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to its valuable educational work, the organization supports legislation and policies that encourage disenfranchised young people and offers young people who have committed a crime the opportunity to reestablish their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Work of this importance requires dedication, patience, and boundless energy, and the founder and executive director of Minorities for Equality in Employment, Education, Liberty and Justice, Incorporated, Latreese Cooke, is fortunate to have these outstanding staff members: Pamela Pleasant, Cerrissa Bates, Donald Jenkins, K-Lee Starland, and Cheryl Russell; and

**WHEREAS**, Believing that everyone deserves a second chance in life, this organization acts on that creed by offering education, counseling, and many other services, and all associated with the organization deserve recognition; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby congratulate Minorities for Equality in Employment, Education, Liberty and Justice, Incorporated, on the occasion of its First Annual Winter Extravaganza; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this outstanding organization as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 17, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate