SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 773

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Vanessa McMahan for her outstanding work in the committee office of Senator Rodney Ellis; and

WHEREAS, A master's degree student at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin, Vanessa was a participant in the Texas Legislative Internship Program sponsored by the Mickey Leland Center on World Hunger and Peace at Texas Southern University; and

WHEREAS, This excellent internship program, established in December of 1990, provides a unique opportunity for students from Texas colleges and universities to serve as interns in the Texas Legislature, in state and local government offices, and in nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Students receive academic credit for participating in the program, which combines academic study and research with supervised practical training; Senator Rodney Ellis serves as a program advisor, and the senator's office assists with coordinating the on-site activities; and

WHEREAS, As an intern, Vanessa has gained firsthand knowledge of the governmental process and work experience in a political environment, as well as insight into the issues facing our communities and our state today; and

WHEREAS, Diligent, resourceful, and talented, Vanessa skillfully handled the multifaceted duties of the senator's committee office and ably assisted with the needs of constituents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Vanessa McMahan for her exceptional contributions to the committee office of Senator Rodney Ellis and extend to her best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

Ellis

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate