

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 1012

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The South Dallas Business and Professional Women's
2 Club, Inc., is honoring esteemed members of the community on April
3 14, 2007, at its annual V. Alyce Foster Trailblazer Awards and
4 Scholarship Luncheon; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1954, this notable nonprofit
6 organization has a long tradition of benefiting Dallas County
7 residents by providing programs and activities primarily designed
8 to address issues affecting women and young people; and

9 WHEREAS, The club's inaugural Trailblazer Awards Luncheon
10 was held in 1964 to recognize individuals endeavoring to enhance
11 the quality of life for their fellow citizens; a decade later, the
12 club awarded its first scholarship, and since then more than
13 \$250,000 has been earmarked for students pursuing higher education;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Recipients of the 2007 Trailblazer Award include:
16 Ron Washington, the first African American manager of the Texas
17 Rangers baseball team; Eddie Burns, the Dallas Fire-Rescue
18 Department's first African American fire chief; Shilah Phillips,
19 the first African American Miss Texas; Larry Lewis, the Lancaster
20 Independent School District's first African American
21 superintendent; and T. Schnell Blanton, the country's first female
22 African American wholesale distributor of fine wines and spirits;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Other honorees are Man of the Year Willis Johnson,

1 Humanitarian Dr. Wright Lassiter, Jr., Woman of the Year Demetris
2 Sampson, Sojourner Truth Award winner Vera Moore, Mabel Meshack
3 White Business Award recipient Dianne C. Thomas, Professional Woman
4 Award winner Paula Caldwell, and Youth Achiever Roderick Demming;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Through its community service and educational
7 programs, the Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club has had
8 a positive impact in the areas of health, education, employment,
9 and economic development, and its record of achievement is most
10 worthy of commendation; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize the South Dallas Business and
13 Professional Women's Club, Inc., for its continuing contributions
14 to its community and congratulate the honorees of the 2007 V. Alyce
15 Foster Trailblazer Awards and Scholarship Luncheon; and, be it
16 further

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