

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Curtistene Smith McCowan of DeSoto has been named a  
2 winner of the 2007 Outstanding Texan Award by the Texas Legislative  
3 Black Caucus in the professional category; and

4           WHEREAS, Outstanding Texans are honored for the positive  
5 impact they make in their communities, and the dedicated service  
6 that Mrs. McCowan has provided as a local leader has greatly  
7 enhanced the lives of many individuals in the Dallas area; and

8           WHEREAS, A graduate of Dallas Baptist University, Mrs.  
9 McCowan had a distinguished career with the Federal Trade  
10 Commission, retiring in January 2005 after more than 32 years of  
11 service; and

12           WHEREAS, Mrs. McCowan has long been active in her community;  
13 a charter member and president of Concerned DeSoto Citizens, she  
14 has served as vice president and audit committee chair of the DeSoto  
15 Economic Development Corporation and as a member of the Charter  
16 Review Commission for the City of DeSoto; and

17           WHEREAS, The first African American elected to public office  
18 in the city, she won a seat on the DeSoto ISD Board of Trustees in  
19 1990, serving two years as president during her three terms with the  
20 board; in 2000, she was elected as the charter president of the  
21 DeSoto ISD Education Foundation board of directors; she has been a  
22 member of the group's executive committee since 2001, and she  
23 currently works with the High School Vision Committee; and

24           WHEREAS, Mrs. McCowan has shared her time with such  
25 worthwhile organizations as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and has  
26 served as president of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter, co-chair of the

1 2003 Southwest Regional Conference, program co-coordinator of the  
2 Southwest Regional Program, and Southwest Regional social action  
3 co-coordinator; a former president of the Dallas Area Chapter of  
4 Federally Employed Women, she has also served on the board of  
5 directors for the North Texas Chapter of the National Multiple  
6 Sclerosis Society; and

7 WHEREAS, Her contributions have earned Mrs. McCowan a host  
8 of accolades through the years, including a Trailblazer Award from  
9 DeSoto High School, Humanitarian Award from Chi Eta Phi Sorority,  
10 Heroes for Children Award from the Texas State Board of Education,  
11 and the National Award for Outstanding Volunteerism from the  
12 Federal Trade Commission; in 2007, DeSoto ISD paid tribute to this  
13 dedicated civic leader by naming a middle school in her honor; and

14 WHEREAS, Curtistene McCowan stands as an inspiring example  
15 of how one person can better a community through civic activism, and  
16 the Outstanding Texan commendation is a fitting recognition of her  
17 exemplary achievements; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Curtistene Smith McCowan on  
20 receiving a 2007 Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative  
21 Black Caucus and extend to her best wishes for further success; and,  
22 be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for Mrs. McCowan as an expression of high regard by the  
25 Texas House of Representatives.

Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 1644

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1644 was adopted by the House on April 24, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House