

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas visit of Marva Smith Battle-Bey, president
2 of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, presented a fitting
3 opportunity to recognize this dynamic civic leader; and

4 WHEREAS, Trained as an urban and regional planner, Ms.
5 Battle-Bey has guided the Vermont Slauson Economic Development
6 Corporation in Los Angeles for the past 25 years, serving as its
7 executive director from 1981 to 1990 and since then as president and
8 CEO; she has also served as an associate economist in the Los
9 Angeles Mayor's Office of Economic Development, as a lecturer at
10 Loyola Marymount University, the University of Southern
11 California, and UCLA, and as a lecturer and trainer for the Southern
12 Christian Leadership Conference and the California Community
13 Economic Development Association; and

14 WHEREAS, A board member of the National Coalition of 100
15 Black Women since 1997 and a former president of the group's Los
16 Angeles chapter, Ms. Battle-Bey has also contributed her time and
17 expertise to a host of other vital organizations, including the
18 City of Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, Women of Los
19 Angeles, and the Black Women's Network, to name but a few; active in
20 a number of professional groups, she has chaired the California
21 Community Economic Development Association since 1994 and the
22 National Congress for Community Economic Development since 2002,
23 and she has served as vice chair of the National Community
24 Reinvestment Coalition since 2003; and

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Battle-Bey earned a bachelor's degree from
2 Michigan State University and master's degrees in urban and
3 regional planning and public administration from USC, where she
4 also pursued doctoral studies; in addition, she is an alumna of the
5 Excellence Leadership Program hosted by the John F. Kennedy School
6 of Government at Harvard University; and

7 WHEREAS, Her many accolades include the 2006 Paul Davidoff
8 National Award for Social Advocacy, given by the American Planning
9 Association, and the 2006 Friends of Los Angeles Neighborhood
10 Housing Services Award; she has been named by the *Los Angeles Times*
11 as one of 103 Influential African Americans Who Make a Difference,
12 by *CYE International Magazine* as one of 8 Faces to Watch in the New
13 Millennium, and by *Focus Magazine* as one of the 10 Most Powerful
14 African American Women in Los Angeles; and

15 WHEREAS, Marva Smith Battle-Bey inspires all who know her
16 through her dedication to encouraging leadership in African
17 American women and to building stronger, healthier communities;
18 now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
20 Legislature hereby recognize the Texas visit of Marva Smith
21 Battle-Bey and commend her on her many achievements; and, be it
22 further

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

McClendon

H.R. No. 2119

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2119 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House