

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Young participants in the mentoring program of the
2 Houston chapter of 100 Black Men of America are visiting the State
3 Capitol on May 21, 2007, to witness the legislative process
4 firsthand; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in New York in 1963, 100 Black Men of America
6 is a service organization dedicated to improving the quality of
7 life of members of the African American community; since its
8 establishment, the organization has grown to include 106 chapters
9 and more than 10,000 members nationwide who work with some 100,000
10 young people annually; and

11 WHEREAS, The group is particularly committed to ensuring the
12 intellectual, spiritual, and moral development of African American
13 youth through individual and group mentoring; BMOA members act as
14 role models, providing goals, life skills, and encouragement for
15 young people in the program; and

16 WHEREAS, The BMOA chapter in Houston was founded in 1995 by
17 Ben Piggot and 12 other charter members; today the organization is
18 carrying its message of leadership and achievement primarily to
19 young men between the ages of 11 and 17 under the direction of
20 current president and vice chancellor of the University of Houston
21 System, John Rudley; and

22 WHEREAS, The sure-handed guidance of members of the Houston
23 chapter of 100 Black Men of America has contributed to the success
24 and well-being of countless young Texans, and it is a pleasure to

1 commend those caring individuals and their young charges for their
2 participation in this worthwhile program and to welcome them to the
3 State Capitol; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby honor all those associated with the Houston
6 chapter of 100 Black Men of America and commend them for their
7 interest in state government; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the Houston chapter of 100 Black Men of America as an
10 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2438

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2438 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House