

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 699

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to commend Hattie Lemon on her 25 years of outstanding work in the arts and entertainment industry as an actress, a television producer, a director, and a casting agent; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in the City of Passaic, Hattie Lemon became interested in the entertainment industry as a child when she coordinated talent shows in her community with local children and family members; during her adolescence, she studied acting in the local community theater group; and

WHEREAS, Hattie attended Passaic County College, where she majored in television and film; she later moved to Georgia, where she learned how to develop independent motion pictures; and

WHEREAS, As an actress and as a casting agent, Hattie has been involved with various independent and major motion pictures, such as Tyler Perry's *Diary of a Mad Black Woman* and *Madea's Family Reunion*, *Big Ain't Bad*, *The Gospel*, and *The Fighting Temptations*; she has been involved with major industry events such as the Trumpet Awards and the Independent Black Film Festival and was featured in an episode of the drama series *Law and Order*; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Hattie won the Best Director Award at the 48 Hour Film Festival and she was recently recognized by Congressman John Lewis of the United States House of Representatives for her service and dedication to her work in the entertainment industry and her community; and

WHEREAS, Hattie Lemon is the founder of the Atlanta Talent Network, and as one of Atlanta's premier casting agents, she has mentored talented individuals and has encouraged them to pursue their careers through exposure to a broader audience in the industry; she also serves as the director of WATN-TV on public access television in the Atlanta area; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2007, she plans to coordinate the First Annual Independent Television, Film and Music Conference in Atlanta, Georgia; the conference will be a major international industry event formed of professionals in the entertainment industry who will educate up-and-coming artists, actors, writers, and producers on how to produce independent projects and assist them in their professional fields; and

WHEREAS, As a humanitarian and a community leader, Hattie Lemon has volunteered her time to local organizations, including the Hosea Williams Feed the Hungry and Homeless Foundation, which is based in Atlanta and was founded by the late Reverend Hosea Williams; and

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WHEREAS, Hattie is currently serving as the executive producer of two major motion picture projects, *You Can't Unring the Bell* and *The Coach's Daughter*; they are being produced through her production company, Sweet Lemon Tree Films; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Hattie Lemon on her exceptional accomplishments in the arts and entertainment industry 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 high regard from the Texas Senate.

Ellis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 16, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate