

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 240

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of
2 Greater Dallas is hosting its 44th annual C. A. W. Clark Human
3 Relations Banquet on February 6, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, For more than five decades, the IMA has worked to
5 fulfill its mission of reaching out to underserved members of the
6 community; this outstanding network of ministers has launched
7 numerous development, education, and employment initiatives, and
8 its service projects include providing health referrals and utility
9 bill assistance, maintaining food pantries, and counseling prison
10 inmates; and

11 WHEREAS, The annual IMA banquet offers the organization an
12 opportunity to educate other concerned citizens on the group's
13 mission and to honor individuals who have demonstrated exceptional
14 dedication to the community; in addition to college-bound high
15 school graduates who are receiving scholarships, the 2009 honorees
16 and their respective accolades include: Irvin Ashford, Jr., Human
17 Relations Award; Dr. Karry D. Wesley, Minister of the Year Award;
18 the Reverend Reginald Williams, C. A. W. Clark Prince of Preachers
19 Award; the Reverend Darryl Pryor, Young Minister of the Year Award;
20 Evergreen Funeral Home/Allen Madison, Business Award; South Dallas
21 Cafe/James Price, Business Award; Heath G. Harris, Esq., Civic
22 Award; the Honorable Carolyn Davis, Community Service Award; the
23 Honorable Carla Ranger, Education Award; Zachary Thompson, Health
24 Care Award; the Reverend James Pruitt, President's Award; and

1 Bishop J. Neaul Haynes, President's Award; and

2 WHEREAS, This year's keynote speaker is Bishop Charles E.
3 Blake, the presiding bishop of the Church of God in Christ and
4 pastor of West Angeles Church of God in Christ in Southern
5 California; Bishop Blake will share his uplifting vision for the
6 future and speak on the theme "Moving Forward in Challenging
7 Times"; proceeds from the banquet are funding the organization's
8 community support services and academic scholarships; and

9 WHEREAS, The IMA is a vital group of caring individuals who
10 are committed to serving their community, and throughout its
11 history of civic involvement, the organization has benefited
12 countless Texans in myriad ways; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
14 Legislature hereby commend the Interdenominational Ministerial
15 Alliance of Greater Dallas for its efforts in behalf of area
16 residents and extend to all those affiliated with the organization
17 sincere best wishes for a memorable event; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the IMA as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.