

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Charles L. Sowell III of Houston served as a member
2 of the Texas Racing Commission from 2003 until 2009, and his
3 exemplary tenure stands as a shining example of public service; and

4 WHEREAS, The Texas Racing Commission oversees the racing
5 industry in Texas in order to enforce the Texas Racing Act and to
6 ensure the safety, integrity, and fairness of Texas pari-mutuel
7 racing; Mr. Sowell was appointed to the commission by Governor Rick
8 Perry to begin his term on August 26, 2003; and

9 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas and The
10 University of Texas School of Law, Mr. Sowell is vice president of
11 governmental affairs and community relations with The McNair Group;
12 he currently contributes to his community as a member of the Gulf
13 Coast Regional Blood Center board of directors, and he is a member
14 of The University of Texas Chancellor's Council Executive
15 Committee, the Longhorn Foundation Advisory Council, The
16 University of Texas Development Board, and the "C" Club; and

17 WHEREAS, He has shared his time with a number of professional
18 associations, holding such leadership positions as vice chairman of
19 the Houston Bar Association Legislative Committee, vice president
20 and director of the Texas Young Lawyers Association, and chairman
21 of the Texas Young Lawyers Association Legislation Committee; he is
22 also a member of Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi
23 business fraternity, and Phi Delta Phi international legal
24 fraternity, and he is listed in "Who's Who in American Law"; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Sowell is vice chairman of the Harris County
2 Sports & Convention Corporation board of directors and an ex
3 officio member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo board of
4 directors and committee; a life member of the Houston Livestock
5 Show and Rodeo and Quarter Horse Committee, he is president of the
6 Houston Athletic Committee, cofounder and chairman of the Houston
7 Baseball Dinner, and director of the Touchdown Club of Houston,
8 Inc.; and

9 WHEREAS, Charles Sowell is a notable civic leader, and his
10 outstanding contributions and continuing commitment to the Texas
11 Racing Commission and the State of Texas truly merit special
12 recognition; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
14 Legislature hereby commend Charles L. Sowell III for his years of
15 service on the Texas Racing Commission and extend to him sincere
16 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1142

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1142 was adopted by the House on April 2, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House