

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Johnny L. Sessums of Houston has distinguished
2 himself through his outstanding service to his community; and

3 WHEREAS, This native Texan was born in Hearne on August 30,
4 1952, to John E. Sessums and Flora E. Sessums; he went on to receive
5 associate's degrees from Blinn College and Houston Community
6 College, and he graduated from the City of Houston Police Academy in
7 1973; he later resumed his studies, earning a bachelor's degree in
8 criminal justice management from Midwestern State University in
9 2003 and a master's degree from the University of Houston in 2005;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, A retired Houston police officer, Mr. Sessums was
12 recruited in 1988 to assist with the development of the police
13 academy at Houston Community College, and he was the primary
14 instructor and coordinator of its first class in 1989; today he
15 serves as director of the Public Safety Institute at HCC Northeast,
16 a program that was created with the goal of establishing a facility
17 where fire, police, and EMS personnel could train together and
18 learn to work cooperatively; and

19 WHEREAS, Through the years, Mr. Sessums has been instrumental
20 to the growth and development of the HCC program, which now offers
21 instruction in criminal justice and police science, fire
22 protection, and fire science and firefighting, including basic
23 academy training, licensing, and continuing education; it has also
24 built vital partnerships with such local institutions as the

1 Houston Fire Department, and it is rated number one in the region
2 for its first attempt passing rates on licensing exams; committed
3 to training qualified individuals who will protect the well-being
4 of the citizens of Texas, he has sought to maintain the highest
5 standards in educating these public servants and in helping them
6 succeed; and

7 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Sessums enjoys the love
8 and support of his wife, Catherine Ann Hicks-Sessums, whom he
9 married in 1996, and he takes great pride in his two children,
10 Dallas Lee Sessums and Scott Joseph Sessums, and his three
11 grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, Johnny Sessums has demonstrated an unwavering
13 commitment to public safety and education over the course of his
14 career, and his notable achievements and contributions indeed merit
15 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
17 Legislature hereby commend Johnny L. Sessums for his exemplary
18 efforts in behalf of his fellow citizens and extend to him sincere
19 best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mr. Sessums as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives.

Alvarado

H.R. No. 1346

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1346 was adopted by the House on April 23, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House