

By: Coleman

H.R. No. 1670

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to  
2 recognize Sharonda Joy Thomas for her outstanding work in the  
3 office of Representative Alma Allen during the 81st Legislative  
4 Session; and

5           WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas has distinguished herself as a  
6 participant in the Texas Legislative Internship Program (TLIP)  
7 administered by the Mickey Leland Center on World Hunger and Peace  
8 at Texas Southern University; and

9           WHEREAS, Established in 1990, TLIP provides a unique  
10 opportunity for students from Texas colleges and universities to  
11 serve as interns in the Texas Legislature, in state agencies, and in  
12 local government offices; students receive academic credit for  
13 participating in the program, which combines study and research  
14 with supervised practical training; Senator Rodney Ellis serves as  
15 a program advisor, and his office assists with coordinating on-site  
16 activities; and

17           WHEREAS, A senior at the University of Houston-Downtown,  
18 where she is pursuing a degree in political science, Ms. Thomas has  
19 served in positions of leadership with state and local law  
20 enforcement agencies, and she is a former special agent with the  
21 U.S. Department of Homeland Security-Immigration and Customs  
22 Enforcement; she plans to attend law school in the fall; and

23           WHEREAS, During her tenure as a legislative intern, Ms.  
24 Thomas has gained valuable work experience and firsthand knowledge

1 of the governmental process, while also developing insight into the  
2 important issues facing our communities and our state; and

3 WHEREAS, Diligent and resourceful, Sharonda Thomas has  
4 skillfully handled a variety of duties in the office of  
5 Representative Allen and ably assisted in meeting the needs of  
6 constituents, and she may reflect proudly on her service as a  
7 legislative intern; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
9 Legislature hereby commend Sharonda Joy Thomas for her tireless  
10 dedication and exemplary work as a participant in the Texas  
11 Legislative Internship Program and extend to her sincere best  
12 wishes for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Ms. Thomas as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
15 House of Representatives.