

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Since its establishment in 1990, Dallas Area
2 Interfaith has become an effective force for promoting common
3 values and democratic traditions and has made a positive difference
4 in the lives of countless Texas residents; and

5 WHEREAS, A multiethnic, multi-issue group of diverse civic
6 institutions, DAI works to give ordinary citizens a structure
7 through which they can negotiate effectively with the government
8 and private institutions that affect their lives; the group's
9 primary focuses include fair immigration policies, an improved
10 educational system, public safety, affordable health care, and
11 support for developing a strong and vital southern sector of
12 Dallas; and

13 WHEREAS, DAI has achieved an impressive record of success
14 through the years; its efforts played a major role in an estimated
15 15,200 children in North Texas becoming eligible for CHIP in 2007,
16 DISD's adoption of after-school programs, a boost in affordable
17 homes in South Dallas, parent-led school improvements, prevention
18 of a major sales tax increase, and a provision for 400 additional
19 police officers in the City of Dallas budget; in addition, the group
20 helped organize the 2006 Mega March in support of comprehensive
21 immigration reform; and

22 WHEREAS, Helping to identify social and economic inequities,
23 develop leaders to articulate the need for change, and create
24 coalitions and strategies to benefit all people, Dallas Area

1 Interfaith works to preserve essential rights and correct
2 injustices that impede access to the American dream; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby honor Dallas Area Interfaith for its commendable
6 goals and achievements in behalf of all Texans and extend to those
7 associated with the organization sincere best wishes for the
8 future; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Dallas Area Interfaith as an expression of high regard
11 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1790

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1790 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House