

By: Davis of Dallas

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Respected attorney and community leader DeMetris
2 Sampson is being deservedly honored as part of the 16th annual Women
3 of Spirit Awards Celebration presented by the American Jewish
4 Congress on May 14, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Sampson holds legal degrees from The University
6 of Texas at Austin School of Law and Southern Methodist University
7 Dedman School of Law, and she has been a practicing lawyer since
8 1980; a pioneering figure among attorneys in North Texas, she was
9 the first African American woman to become a partner in a majority
10 firm in Dallas and has practiced with Linebarger Goggan Blair &
11 Sampson since 1987, presently holding the title of managing
12 partner; she also distinguished herself in her work with the San
13 Antonio City Attorney's Office, the Dallas County District
14 Attorney's Office, and the Committee on Judicial Affairs for the
15 Texas House of Representatives; and

16 WHEREAS, Dedicated to improving the world around her, Ms.
17 Sampson has devoted her time and talents to a long list of
18 organizations and initiatives; in addition to serving on the board
19 of the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, she has chaired a number
20 of successful school and city bond campaigns and has been a member
21 of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board and the East Texas State
22 University Board of Regents; moreover, her leadership has benefited
23 many task forces and committees addressing a wide range of
24 important issues; and

1 WHEREAS, This admired individual has received numerous
2 awards for her efforts; these include the Dr. Martin Luther King,
3 Jr., Justice Award, the Maura Award from the Women's Center of
4 Dallas, the President's Award from the Dallas Urban League, and the
5 Unsung Hero Award from the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses; and

6 WHEREAS, The Women of Spirit Award provides further
7 recognition of the exceptional professional and civic achievements
8 realized by DeMetris Sampson, whose legacy of service to her fellow
9 citizens is indeed worthy of celebration; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate DeMetris Sampson on her receipt of
12 a 2009 Women of Spirit Award and extend to her sincere best wishes
13 for continued success; and, be it further

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