

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of  
2 Commerce works to promote economic opportunities for its members  
3 and to enhance prosperity in the communities it serves; and

4           WHEREAS, The chamber was founded in 1979 to support African  
5 American-owned businesses as integral components of the Tarrant  
6 County economic landscape, and three decades later, African  
7 American entrepreneurs are making considerable contributions to  
8 the growth and vitality of the area; and

9           WHEREAS, PATHS Forward, an important project sponsored by the  
10 chamber, was established to provide young African American  
11 professionals with opportunities to meet other successful business  
12 people, corporate executives, and civic leaders and to learn more  
13 about the Tarrant County community and area nonprofit  
14 organizations; with a goal to prepare members to take a leadership  
15 role in the community, the nine-month-long program helps  
16 participants hone their communication and management skills and  
17 create strategies to achieve professional and personal success; and

18           WHEREAS, The chamber has also supported endeavors to provide  
19 educational and practical opportunities to help youth gain the  
20 skills and experience necessary to become successful business  
21 owners; and

22           WHEREAS, The Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of  
23 Commerce is making a positive difference in the lives of countless  
24 people in North Texas and beyond, and it merits special praise for

1 its outstanding initiatives to promote a healthy business climate  
2 in the community; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
4 Legislature hereby recognize members of the Fort Worth Metropolitan  
5 Black Chamber of Commerce for their contributions to the Tarrant  
6 County economy and commend PATHS Forward participants for their  
7 achievements; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2040

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2040 was adopted by the House on May 12, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House