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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The inaugural Rosa Walker Award for Leadership event
2 is being held in Austin on May 18, 2009, and this occasion
3 represents an ideal opportunity to honor Mrs. Walker for her
4 outstanding efforts in behalf of working Texans over the course of
5 more than four decades; and

6 WHEREAS, A native of Hemphill, Mrs. Walker graduated from
7 Pineland High School and went to work for Southwestern Bell; her
8 membership in the Communication Workers of America sparked her
9 interest in organizing, and after serving as a commercial job
10 steward, she joined the executive board of her union; and

11 WHEREAS, The labor movement in the Lone Star State gained a
12 dedicated champion when Mrs. Walker accepted a full-time position
13 as an organizer for the Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO;
14 she went on to serve with the Harris County AFL-CIO until 1965, when
15 she began a remarkable 38-year career with the Texas AFL-CIO; and

16 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to the needs of workers,
17 Mrs. Walker served in a wide variety of capacities while holding
18 the titles of director of Community Services/Volunteers and Women's
19 Activities director; she also oversaw disaster relief operations,
20 fought for legislation to benefit working men and women, and
21 directed voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives; and

22 WHEREAS, This caring citizen was a founder of the Texas
23 Consumer Association and also shared her time and expertise as vice
24 president of the Texas Coalition of Labor Union Women and as a

1 member of the Democratic National Committee, the Texas Judicial
2 Conduct Commission, and the Texas Commission on the Status of
3 Women; moreover, she participated in the democratic process and
4 strove to benefit workers through her efforts in behalf of local,
5 state, and national political campaigns; she has been supported in
6 her tireless endeavors by her husband, Boyce Breedlove, and her
7 daughter, Debbie; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout her professional life, Rosa Walker has
9 set a sterling example of civic engagement, and it is indeed fitting
10 to honor her inspirational role and lasting achievements with a
11 prestigious award bearing her name; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
13 Legislature hereby commend Mrs. Walker for her contributions to the
14 State of Texas and commemorate the Rosa Walker Award for Leadership
15 inaugural event; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mrs. Walker as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.