

By: Edwards

H.R. No. 2597

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Howard E. Jefferson of Houston has distinguished  
2 himself through his efforts to better the city and state he calls  
3 home; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Mississippi, Mr. Jefferson holds a  
5 bachelor's degree in chemistry from Southern University in  
6 Louisiana and a master's degree in education administration from  
7 the University of Houston; he also studied for a year at The  
8 University of Texas at Austin, where he was awarded a science and  
9 mathematics fellowship; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Jefferson served nearly three decades as an  
11 assistant superintendent of the Houston Independent School  
12 District before going into business for himself as owner and chair  
13 of Protectors Insurance and Financial Services; in addition, he  
14 served as campaign manager for U.S. Congressman Al Green; and

15           WHEREAS, Devoted to social justice, Mr. Jefferson has  
16 advocated for disenfranchised individuals and worked to increase  
17 opportunities for African American-owned businesses in Texas; he is  
18 the former president of the NAACP Houston Branch and currently  
19 serves as chair of the NAACP political action committee; moreover,  
20 Governor Rick Perry appointed him to the select committee for  
21 recommendations to Texas Southern University; and

22           WHEREAS, Mr. Jefferson is supported in his endeavors by his  
23 wife, Zona G. Jefferson, and his life is further enriched by three  
24 children, Tangela, Audrey, and Jewel, as well as a grandson, Devin;

1 he is an active member of Windsor Village United Methodist Church;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Committed to serving others, Howard Jefferson has  
4 generously devoted his time for the benefit of his community, and he  
5 has earned the admiration and appreciation of all who know him; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
8 Legislature hereby honor Howard E. Jefferson for his contributions  
9 to his fellow citizens and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
10 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Mr. Jefferson as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.