

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 272

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Urban League of Greater Dallas in paying tribute to Barbara Lord Watkins for her outstanding accomplishments and her many contributions to her community and her profession; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Watkins will be recognized as a legacy honoree at the annual meeting of the Urban League of Greater Dallas on February 26, 2009; the Urban League is the nation's oldest and largest community-based movement devoted to empowering African Americans and others to enter the economic and social mainstream; and

WHEREAS, President emerita of Parkland Foundation, Barbara Watkins has been instrumental in raising millions of dollars for the foundation to support programs and capital renovations at Parkland Health and Hospital System; and

WHEREAS, She was previously the senior vice president of public affairs and patient services for the hospital system and worked on legislative issues, particularly issues related to underserved and indigent patients; she worked with the Visiting Nurse Association of Dallas and helped establish one of the first hospice home care programs in the state; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Watkins has had a lifelong passion for helping others and volunteering before she began her career; she now serves on the executive committee for KERA-TV and the Dallas Historical Society and serves on the board of trustees of Medical City Hospital and the Parkland Foundation; she is a member of The Links, Incorporated; Executive Women of Dallas; and The Dallas Assembly; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Barbara Lord Watkins for her service to her community and her many achievements and congratulate her on being named a legacy honoree by the Urban League of Greater Dallas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 23, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate