SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 277

WHEREAS, Participants in the City Hall Fellows program of Houston are visiting the State Capitol on February 24, 2009; and WHEREAS, The City Hall Fellows program was developed to

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WHEREAS, During the 12-month program, fellows work as full-time staff members in offices throughout municipal government; the experience offers them an opportunity to learn about the mechanics and challenges of local government as well as to apply their own experience and energy to addressing issues faced by the participating agencies, which include the Houston Police Department, municipal courts, and the Houston Department of Health and Human Services, to name but a few; and

WHEREAS, Houston's first group of fellows includes Niiobli Armah, Bill Bacon, Sagari Bette, E. B. Brooks, Tara Garlinghouse, Kimberly Hartsfield, Mario Salinas, Krishanu Sengupta, Meredith Spencer, and Ricardo Zavala; and

WHEREAS, These accomplished young men and women have demonstrated impressive drive and dedication that will continue to serve them well for years to come, and it is indeed appropriate to honor the program and these future leaders of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

State; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby welcome the visiting participants of the City Hall Fellows program to the State Capitol and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success in all of their endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the group 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