

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 628

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to congratulate attorney Kelly-Ann F. Clarke on her election as Chair of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division; and

WHEREAS, The American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division represents a membership of over 153,000 young lawyers from across the United States and seeks to assure that the legal profession reflects the society it serves while providing young lawyers with the tools and opportunity to succeed both professionally and personally; and

WHEREAS, Kelly-Ann Clarke is an attorney with Greer, Herz and Adams, LLP, and her practice focuses on complex commercial litigation; she earned a bachelor's degree from Duke University and a law degree from the University of Houston Law Center; she was admitted to practice in Texas in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Born in Kingston, Jamaica, to Godfrey and Fayette Clarke, Kelly-Ann Clarke immigrated to Houston with her family at the age of six; she became a citizen of the United States on November 26, 1996, which enabled her to experience the proudest moment of her young life, the act of voting in her first presidential election; and

WHEREAS, Kelly-Ann Clarke is an active leader in numerous professional associations, including the Galveston County Young Lawyers Association, the Texas Young Lawyers Association, the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, the As One Foundation, and the Galveston Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the Texas Young Lawyers Association Board of Directors, she coproduced two significant historical documentaries on civil rights, *They Had a Dream Too: Young Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement* and *Vote America! Honor the Fight, Exercise Your Right*, sharing a regional Emmy Award for the former; as Chair of the Young Lawyers Division, she plans to continue to educate others on the importance of civil rights and the importance of civil duty; and

WHEREAS, Kelly-Ann Clarke is a role model for all young Texans and a valued asset to the Texas legal community, and she deserves recognition for her many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby congratulate Kelly-Ann F. Clarke on her election as Chair of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem 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 April 15, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate