

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 786

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Benaë McFarland, for her outstanding work in the office of Senate Committee on Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, Benaë was a participant in the Texas Legislative Internship Program administered by the Mickey Leland Center on World Hunger and Peace at Texas Southern University; and

WHEREAS, This excellent internship program, established in December of 1990, provides a unique opportunity for students from Texas colleges and universities to serve as interns in the Texas Legislature, the United States Congress, and a variety of local, state, and national governmental agencies and public policy organizations; and

WHEREAS, Students receive academic credit for participating in the program, which combines academic study and research with supervised practical training; Senator Rodney Ellis serves as a program advisor, and the senator's office assists with coordinating the on-site activities; and

WHEREAS, As an intern, Benaë has gained firsthand knowledge of the governmental process and work experience in a political environment, as well as insight into the issues facing our communities and our state today; and

WHEREAS, Diligent, resourceful, and talented, Benaë skillfully handled the multifaceted duties of the committee office and has made positive contributions to the development of sound public policy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Benaë McFarland for her dedication and excellent work as a participant in the Texas Legislative Internship Program and extend to her best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

Ellis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 29, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate