

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 983

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Reverend John A. Heath, who has been named as one of Houston's "Top 40 Under 40" by the *Houston Business Journal*; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Heath currently serves as executive director of the Youth Development Center, one of Houston's premier literacy-based academic and youth intervention organizations; he is president and chief executive officer of J.A.H. International Ministries; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Heath has a wealth of valuable experience in public service on both the state and federal levels; he served as executive director of the Community Services Administration for the State of Maryland and as senior advisor to Maryland governor Robert Ehrlich and Maryland lieutenant governor Michael Steele; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Heath has also served on the staff of the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressman Elijah Cummings; he has also served on numerous boards and commissions, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, A tireless advocate for the homeless and working poor, Reverend Heath has risen from his own days of homelessness to become a leader and a voice for the dispossessed and less fortunate; he is truly deserving of recognition for his dedication to improving the lives of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the Reverend John A. Heath on his many contributions to the Houston community and extend congratulations to him on being named one of Houston's "Top 40 Under 40"; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him 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 May 22, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate