

By: Turner

H.R. No. 626

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Debra Lee is the keynote speaker at the Scholarship  
2 Banquet at the African American Leadership Summit, which is being  
3 held in Austin on February 28 and March 1, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, As the chief executive officer and chair of the  
5 board of directors of Black Entertainment Television, Inc., Ms. Lee  
6 is among an elite group of American business leaders who head  
7 multibillion-dollar organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, After earning her bachelor's degree from Brown  
9 University, Ms. Lee went on to earn a master's degree in public  
10 policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government and her law  
11 degree from Harvard University; she was a law clerk in the U.S.  
12 District Court for the District of Columbia and spent five years as  
13 an attorney in Washington, D.C., before joining BET Holdings in  
14 1986 as vice president and general counsel; and

15 WHEREAS, She has been BET's executive vice president of legal  
16 affairs, magazine division publisher, and head of strategic  
17 business development, and has held a number of other key positions  
18 in the company; in addition, she serves on the board of directors of  
19 the Eastman Kodak Company, Marriott International, Inc., Revlon,  
20 Inc., and Washington Gas Light Company; and

21 WHEREAS, An active participant in many civic and professional  
22 organizations, Ms. Lee is a member of the boards of the Kennedy  
23 Center Corporate Fund, the National Symphony Orchestra, the  
24 National Women's Law Center, the Alvin Ailey American Dance

1 Theater, and Girls, Inc.; she is a past recipient of the Vanguard  
2 Award from the National Cable & Telecommunications Association, the  
3 Positively Visionary Award from Cable Positive, the Quasar Award  
4 from the National Association of Minorities in Communications, the  
5 Tower of Power Trumpet Award from Turner Broadcasting System, and  
6 the Woman of the Year Award from Women in Cable Telecommunications;  
7 she was named one of the 100 Most Powerful Women in Washington,  
8 D.C., by *Washingtonian* magazine and one of the top 50 Most Powerful  
9 Women in Cable by *CableFAX* magazine; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the course of her accomplished career, Ms. Lee  
11 has distinguished herself through hard work, perseverance, and  
12 outstanding achievements, and she sets an example of leadership to  
13 which all may aspire; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
15 Legislature hereby honor Debra Lee on the occasion of her keynote  
16 address at the Scholarship Banquet at the 2011 African American  
17 Leadership Summit and extend to her sincere best wishes for  
18 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Ms. Lee as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
21 House of Representatives.