

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 450

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the *Houston Forward Times* newspaper as it celebrates more than 50 years of journalistic excellence with the "50 Years and Beyond" Black Tie Scholarship Gala on March 12, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The *Houston Forward Times* was founded in January of 1960 by the late Julius P. Carter; after his death in 1971, his widow, Lenora Carter, took over as chief executive officer and publisher; a strong voice for the African American community in Houston, the paper has been a major source of positive news about the community's accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding newspaper brings to African American citizens news that they cannot find elsewhere; the readership of the *Forward Times* has grown to more than 75 percent of the African American population in Houston as the paper has reported on community and current events, entertainment, religion, employment opportunities, and political functions and has also given a voice to the youth of the community; and

WHEREAS, The *Forward Times* has won numerous awards at the local and national levels for journalistic excellence in design, layout, circulation, and editorial excellence, and it was most recently honored by the Press Club of Houston; and

WHEREAS, The "50 Years and Beyond" Black Tie Scholarship Gala being held by the *Houston Forward Times* benefits the Julius and Lenora Carter Scholarship and Youth Foundation; the event will honor a number of prominent citizens who have made extraordinary contributions to the community, the nation, and the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the *Houston Forward Times* newspaper and the organizers and honorees of the "50 Years and Beyond" Black Tie Scholarship Gala and extend to all best wishes for a successful and memorable event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared to commemorate this special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 8, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate