

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 837

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Ada Edwards, who is retiring from her position with the City of Houston; and

**WHEREAS**, Ada Edwards has served the citizens of Houston with compassion and dedication in many capacities through the years; as Deputy Chief of Staff for Neighborhoods, she worked diligently to strengthen and preserve the character and history of Houston communities, and her most recent service as interim Director of Housing and Community Development has further demonstrated her commitment to building a strong and vibrant city; and

**WHEREAS**, She has also served three terms on the Houston City Council, representing District D; she served on numerous committees during her tenure on the council and chaired the Housing and Community Development Committee, the Flooding and Drainage Issues Committee, and the State of Emergency HIV-AIDS Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, Talented and resourceful, she is in much demand as a speaker, and she hosts a weekly news and public affairs program on radio station KROI called *Dialogue with Ada Edwards*; she founded the Ida Delaney-Byron Gillum Justice Committee and has generously given of her time and energy to such organizations as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Union Community Fund, the Houston Area Women's Center, and the Texas State Coalition Against Apartheid; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary public servant and community leader, Ada Edwards has inspired countless citizens to take action and participate in the betterment of their city; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Ada Edwards on her exceptional service to the people of Houston and extend to her best wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors; 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 26, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate