

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 892

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce and its PATHS Forward leadership development program; and

**WHEREAS**, The Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1979 with the goal of making Fort Worth a better place to work and raise a family; an independent, nonprofit organization, its activities are guided by a volunteer-elected board of directors and officers; and

**WHEREAS**, The chamber's mission is to promote, assist, and enhance economic and business development for its members and create wealth in the community it serves; one of its many successful programs is the nine-month leadership development program PATHS Forward; and

**WHEREAS**, PATHS Forward is designed to prepare promising African American professionals who are 21 to 40 years of age to participate as leaders in the greater Fort Worth metropolitan area; its third program will begin on April 30, 2011, with 14 participants; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout the year, members of the program will meet once a month, and during the months of August, September, and October, they will work with local nonprofit organizations to create and deliver community service projects; and

**WHEREAS**, The program participants will develop an appreciation for their own personal strengths, talents, and weaknesses while honing their leadership and speaking skills; their expanded understanding of the Fort Worth and Tarrant County metropolitan area will create new opportunities for them to achieve professional and personal success; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce and the participants in the PATHS Forward program for their leadership, their service, and their many contributions to Fort Worth and the greater Tarrant County area and extend to all best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared 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 May 12, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate