

By: Allen

H.R. No. 7

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, LaVonda Russell has demonstrated a notable
2 commitment to public service as financial secretary of the Public
3 Interest Law Association at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at
4 Texas Southern University during the 2012-2013 school year; and

5 WHEREAS, The association helps students of the TMSL focus
6 their studies to gain the legal skills necessary to defend
7 individual rights, advance justice, and enhance the public good,
8 and as financial secretary, Ms. Russell collected and deposited
9 funds from dues and fund-raising activities, created
10 organizational forms, and maintained the association's financial
11 records; and

12 WHEREAS, The daughter of Rickie Rodgers and Bridgette and
13 Tony Johnson, Ms. Russell is entering her third year at TMSL, where
14 she has further distinguished herself as publicity and social chair
15 of the Phi Alpha Delta Law fraternity, treasurer of the Sports and
16 Entertainment Law Society, member of the National Black Law
17 Students Association and Delta Sigma Theta sorority, and a student
18 member of the American Bar Association; she is also a participant in
19 the Texas Legislative Internship Program during the 83rd Texas
20 Legislature, serving in the office of Senator Carlos Uresti; and

21 WHEREAS, LaVonda Russell's intelligence, dedication, and
22 hard work have greatly benefited the members of the TMSL Public
23 Interest Law Association, and as she continues her education, she
24 is indeed building a firm foundation for an outstanding career in

1 the law; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
3 Legislature hereby commend LaVonda Russell for her service as
4 2012-2013 financial secretary of the TMSL Public Interest Law
5 Association and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
6 success and a bright future; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Ms. Russell as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.