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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Derrick Howard concluded five years of outstanding
2 service with the CPS Energy Board of Trustees on February 1, 2013;
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4 WHEREAS, Mr. Howard joined the utility's governing board in
5 2008, representing San Antonio's southeast quadrant; named vice
6 chair the following year, he went on to oversee the group as chair,
7 and thanks in part to his able leadership, CPS Energy maintains one
8 of the highest financial ratings of any combined electric and gas
9 municipally owned utility; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to working to secure reasonable rates
11 for customers, Mr. Howard has encouraged partnerships with clean
12 technology companies and the use of renewable energy; and

13 WHEREAS, This notable Texan has also distinguished himself
14 professionally; following his graduation from Prairie View A&M
15 University, he worked for Victoria Savings Association and the City
16 of San Antonio Department of Housing and Community Development;
17 currently, he serves as executive director of the Bexar County
18 Community Arenas board, and his work played a vital role in the
19 successful negotiations with the San Antonio Spurs and the
20 construction of the AT&T Center; and

21 WHEREAS, A valued member of the San Antonio community since
22 1989, Mr. Howard has shared his time with the foundation board of
23 the San Antonio Independent School District and executive board of
24 the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce; he has further

1 contributed to school mentoring programs and to such worthwhile
2 initiatives as Morningside Ministries, City Year San Antonio, the
3 Palmer Drug Abuse Program, and San Antonio Goodwill Industries; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure with the CPS Energy Board of
5 Trustees, Derrick Howard has helped to ensure the quality and
6 reliability of San Antonio's municipal utility systems, and it is a
7 pleasure to join in recognizing him for his many contributions;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor Derrick Howard for his work as chair of the
11 CPS Energy Board and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
12 future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Mr. Howard as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.