

By: Davis of Dallas

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Civic, religious, and artistic leaders from Dallas  
2 gathered on April 27, 2013, to honor Curtis King, founder and  
3 president of The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, for his  
4 achievements in fostering and showcasing African American cultural  
5 endeavors; and

6 WHEREAS, Entering its 36th season, The Black Academy of Arts  
7 and Letters is one of the preeminent fine arts organizations in the  
8 country; each year, it produces more than 100 programs in the  
9 performing, literary, and visual arts, reaching an audience of  
10 500,000 patrons; and

11 WHEREAS, A graduate of Jackson State University, Curtis King  
12 earned his master's degree in theater from Texas Christian  
13 University; he established TBAAL in 1977 to carry on the work of the  
14 New York-based Black Academy of Arts and Letters and to help  
15 preserve historic documents and artifacts that might have been lost  
16 when that institution dissolved; highly regarded as a producer and  
17 director, Mr. King has staged shows at major venues throughout the  
18 United States, including the John F. Kennedy Center for the  
19 Performing Arts and the Apollo Theater, as well as abroad; and

20 WHEREAS, This dynamic impresario is also committed to  
21 encouraging the development of emerging artists and to providing  
22 arts programming for Dallas-area youth; over the years, such  
23 well-known stars as Grammy winners Erykah Badu and Roy Hargrove and  
24 Emmy winner Regina Taylor have honed their talents under the wing of

1 TBAAL; and

2 WHEREAS, Curtis King's leadership and expertise have made him  
3 an influential figure in the world of the creative arts, and it is a  
4 privilege to recognize his outstanding contributions to the  
5 cultural vitality of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
7 Legislature hereby honor Curtis King on his many accomplishments as  
8 founder and president of The Black Academy of Arts and Letters and  
9 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
10 further

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