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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The observance of Texas Federation for Republican 2 Outreach Legislative Day at the State Capitol on May 23, 2013, 3 provides a fitting opportunity to recognize the notable service of 4 Grace Ekpo as Republican Party precinct chair for Precinct 968 in 5 Harris County; and

6 WHEREAS, Established in 1986 as the Black Republican Council 7 of Texas, the Texas Federation for Republican Outreach is an auxiliary of the Republican Party of Texas that recruits African 8 9 American voters as Republican precinct chairs and captains in Harris and Fort Bend Counties; citizens who participate in this 10 11 initiative come from a wide range of backgrounds, but they share 12 common values, including devotion to family, faith, and freedom, and they strive together to promote increased diversity in the 13 14 party; and

WHEREAS, Precinct chairs and captains 15 serve as the 16 ambassadors of their political party, and they take on responsibilities that require tremendous dedication and many hours 17 of hard work; moreover, they serve as election judges in primary and 18 general elections; these civic-minded individuals are integral to 19 20 the success of the party's mission to elect public servants who will 21 build a better tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Through their involvement, precinct chairs and captains are making a positive difference in their communities, this state, and the nation, and they may take justifiable pride in

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their admirable record of civic engagement; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas Legislature hereby commend Grace Ekpo for serving as a Republican Party precinct chair and extend to this outstanding Texan sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

> White Carter Turner of Collin

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2487 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House