

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Deiandria Smith has demonstrated a
2 notable commitment to public service as president 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; as
8 president, Ms. Smith wrote and submitted a proposal for a Public
9 Interest Law and Social Policy Certificate Program at the school,
10 and she planned and organized the first campus-wide Volunteer
11 Income Tax Assistance Program at Texas Southern University; and

12 WHEREAS, The daughter of Leon and Delores Smith, Elizabeth
13 Smith is a graduate of Grambling State University and Prairie View
14 A&M University, and she is currently in the top 15 percent of the
15 TMSL Class of 2014; she is vice president of the Student Bar
16 Association, fund-raising co-chair of the Phi Alpha Delta Legal
17 Honor Society, and a member of the National Black Law Student
18 Association, the American and Pacific Asian Law Student
19 Association, and the International Law Students Association; and

20 WHEREAS, This gifted law student has served as a judicial
21 clerk for the Baton Rouge City Court, as a judicial intern in the
22 court of criminal appeals judge Barbara Hervey, and during the 83rd
23 Texas Legislature as a policy analyst and legislative aide in the
24 office of State Representative Dr. Alma Allen; she has also worked

1 at the Earl Carl Institute as a student intern and as a case manager
2 for the Innocence Project; and

3 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Smith's intelligence, drive, and
4 commitment to social justice have placed her in the front ranks of
5 students at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and as she
6 continues her education, she is indeed building a firm foundation
7 for an outstanding legal career; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
9 Legislature hereby commend Elizabeth Deiandria Smith for her
10 service as the 2012-2013 president of the TMSL Public Interest Law
11 Association and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
12 success and a bright future; and, be it further

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

Allen

H.R. No. 3008

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3008 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House