

By: Dutton

H.R. No. 784

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, William Bates Jr., a longtime Houston attorney, has
2 demonstrated a notable commitment to the public good through his
3 leadership and service; and

4 WHEREAS, An alumnus of Ohio State University and a graduate
5 of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, "Randy" Bates works as
6 managing partner of Bates & Coleman, PC, the law practice that he
7 founded after earning his juris doctorate in 1981; at the firm, he
8 specializes in public finance, and he formerly counseled clients in
9 the areas of personal injury and criminal defense; and

10 WHEREAS, While meeting the obligations of his professional
11 career, Mr. Bates served for more than two decades on the board of
12 trustees for the Lone Star College System; in that role, he helped
13 provide stewardship and oversight to a community college system
14 with some 74,000 students and a budget of \$250 million; he was
15 elected chair of the board by his fellow members for a total of
16 seven years, during which time he was instrumental in securing
17 credit upgrades for the system from both Moody's and Standard &
18 Poor's; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Bates has likewise earned distinction through
20 his involvement in Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., an
21 international service organization that he has led as president
22 since 2011; he has held increasingly responsible positions in the
23 group, where his affiliation dates back to 1971; during his tenure
24 in its highest office, he has overseen the establishment and

1 implementation of the "Diamonds in the Rough" program, a national
2 campaign to foster academic and personal achievement among young
3 men of color, and he further led the fraternity in new and ongoing
4 efforts to support undergraduate members, guide youth to success,
5 and promote the health and well-being of the community; and

6 WHEREAS, Over the course of his adult life, Randy Bates has
7 dedicated his time to endeavors that engage his desire to make a
8 difference, and his achievements make him an outstanding role model
9 to many people; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor William Bates Jr. for his years of public
12 service at the community and national levels and extend to him
13 sincere best wishes for continued success with his important work;
14 and, be it further

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