

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Houston African Community International USA  
2 (HACIUSA) is holding the Houston African Arts Festival at the Bayou  
3 City Event Center on September 5 and 6, 2015; and

4           WHEREAS, The annual Houston African Arts Festival highlights  
5 the vibrancy of that culture, showcasing the work of Africans and  
6 African immigrants in a variety of media, including music, art,  
7 poetry, theater, film, and textiles; with the theme "Celebrate  
8 Africa," this year's event will feature live music and dance  
9 performances, a fashion show, drumming, and other artistic and  
10 cultural displays, and attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy  
11 African food and to participate in games and raffles; and

12           WHEREAS, This highly anticipated event serves to commemorate  
13 African contributions to the Greater Houston community while also  
14 stimulating the patronage of area businesses; proceeds raised at  
15 the festival will go toward educational initiatives, immigrant  
16 development programs, women's centers, and helping the homeless  
17 population in Houston; and

18           WHEREAS, Aibly led by founder and chief executive officer  
19 Dr. Gracie Chukwu, HACIUSA is dedicated to fostering international  
20 and intercultural understanding as well as encouraging worldwide  
21 collaboration among people of African descent; the nonprofit  
22 organization strives to achieve these goals locally by  
23 strengthening African culture to assist new immigrants, promoting  
24 social and economic resources, and increasing humanitarian efforts

1 to preserve education, artistic endeavors, and youth interests in  
2 the community; and

3 WHEREAS, The Houston African Arts Festival adds immeasurably  
4 to the cultural richness of the Bayou City, and this outstanding  
5 event and the people who make it happen are indeed deserving of  
6 recognition; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commemorate the Houston African Arts Festival  
9 and commend Houston African Community International USA for its  
10 exemplary work; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Houston African Community International USA as an  
13 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Wu

H.R. No. 2440

---

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2440 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2015, by a non-record vote.

---

Chief Clerk of the House