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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Natalie Jenkins Sorrell is being presented with the
2 Motherhood: The Lifetime Achievement Award by Dallas Can Academies
3 on May 8, 2015, in honor of her commitment to education, family, and
4 the community; and

5 WHEREAS, The director of investments for the \$3.4 billion
6 Employees' Retirement Fund for the City of Dallas, Ms. Sorrell
7 oversees the design and implementation of the overall investment
8 strategy for ERF; since joining the group in 2006, she has led the
9 effort to fulfill new private equity, private real estate, global
10 equity, and master limited partnership allocations of more than
11 \$600 million; she has also played an integral role in the
12 establishment of the Next Generation Manager Program, allocating
13 percent of the fund to smaller, newer, and/or minority-owned
14 investment managers across asset classes; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Sorrell began her distinguished career in
16 finance with the mergers and acquisitions group in investment
17 banking at J. P. Morgan in New York City; she went on to join the
18 private equity arm of GE Capital, GE Equity, and later worked in
19 both global strategy and finance director posts at publishers
20 McGraw-Hill and Voyager Expanded Learning; and

21 WHEREAS, An honors graduate of Spelman College, Ms. Sorrell
22 earned her MBA from the Wharton School at the University of
23 Pennsylvania; frequently recognized for her many accomplishments,
24 she was named a German Marshall Fellow in 2009, and in 2011 she

1 received the Rising Star of Public Funds Award from *Institutional*
2 *Investor*; more recently, she has been honored as one of the *Dallas*
3 *Business Journal's* "40 Under Forty" and as one of the 40 Under Forty
4 Investment Officers by *aiCIO*; and

5 WHEREAS, This esteemed executive has given back to her fellow
6 North Texas residents through her work as chair of the investment
7 committee of Big Thought, a Dallas-based nonprofit focused on
8 creative learning solutions for at-risk youth; she is also active
9 in the capital campaign for the Methodist Health System Foundation
10 and, as a member of the Dallas Chapter of The Links, Inc., she has
11 led efforts to educate minority students in science, technology,
12 engineering, and math; and

13 WHEREAS, Married to Michael J. Sorrell, president of Paul
14 Quinn College, Ms. Sorrell is a devoted mother to a young son and
15 daughter; and

16 WHEREAS, Natalie Jenkins Sorrell has set an inspiring example
17 of professional excellence and civic engagement, all while
18 balancing the demands of a growing family, and she may take great
19 pride in her many successes; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
21 Legislature hereby honor Natalie Jenkins Sorrell on her receipt of
22 the Motherhood: The Lifetime Achievement Award from Dallas Can
23 Academies and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and,
24 be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for Ms. Sorrell as an expression of high regard by the
27 Texas House of Representatives.