

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 872

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Erika Smiley for her outstanding work in the office of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus; and

**WHEREAS**, Erika was a participant in the Texas Legislative Internship Program administered by the Mickey Leland Center on World Hunger and Peace at Texas Southern University; and

**WHEREAS**, This excellent internship program, established in December of 1990, provides a unique opportunity for students from Texas colleges and universities to serve as interns in the Texas Legislature, the United States Congress, and a variety of local, state, and national governmental agencies and public policy organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Students receive academic credit for participating in the program, which combines academic study and research with supervised practical training; Senator Rodney Ellis serves as a program advisor, and the senator's office assists with coordinating the on-site activities; and

**WHEREAS**, As an intern, Erika has gained firsthand knowledge of the governmental process and work experience in a political environment, as well as insight into the issues facing our communities and our state today; and

**WHEREAS**, Diligent, resourceful, and talented, Erika skillfully handled the multifaceted duties of the caucus's office and has made positive contributions to the development of sound public policy; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend Erika Smiley for her dedication and excellent work as a participant in the Texas Legislative Internship Program and extend to her best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 19, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate