

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 76

WHEREAS, Dallas County District Attorney Faith Johnson has demonstrated exceptional leadership and diligence in investigating allegations of voter fraud, and she is indeed deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, In response to reports of widespread irregularities involving mail-in ballots in two Dallas County elections in 2017, District Attorney Johnson and her team of prosecutors have worked tirelessly to investigate the claims; moreover, her office has formed a partnership with the Texas Attorney General's Office to thoroughly assess the evidence; and

WHEREAS, A 1980 graduate of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, Faith Johnson went to work for the Dallas County District Attorney's Office in 1982 and rose through the ranks to become chief felony prosecutor; she subsequently earned the distinction of becoming the first African American woman elected to serve as a district criminal judge in the state, and following 17 years on the bench, she worked for a nonprofit law firm for two years before establishing her own private practice, Faith Johnson & Associates, in Irving in 2009; and

WHEREAS, That same year, she was appointed by Governor Rick Perry as a member of the Texas Public Safety Commission, a role in which she helped oversee homeland security, border patrol, and terrorism prevention; in 2016, she was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to serve out an unexpired term as Dallas County district attorney, becoming the first African American woman to hold that office; and

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WHEREAS, A true pioneer in her profession, Faith Johnson has proven herself a top legal mind and a dedicated public servant, and her work in safeguarding the democratic process is greatly benefiting her fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Dallas County District Attorney Faith Johnson on her outstanding efforts in investigating voter fraud and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success with her important work; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Ms. Johnson as an expression of high regard 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 July 26, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate