

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud members of the Southwest Region of National  
2 Black Law Students Association are gathering at the State Capitol  
3 on February 27, 2017; and

4           WHEREAS, In 1968, the National Black Law Students Association  
5 was established on the campus of New York University Law School by  
6 Algernon Johnson Cooper in order to provide educational support,  
7 professional development, and community enrichment for African  
8 American law students; today, the NBLSA represents more than 6,000  
9 active members in over 200 chapters across the nation, making it one  
10 of the largest student-run organizations in the United States; and

11           WHEREAS, At the group's 48th national convention in Baltimore  
12 in 2016, Traci Gibson of the University of Houston, chair of the  
13 NBLSA's Rocky Mountain region, proposed a new geographical  
14 arrangement to better reflect the organization's growth and  
15 development; as a result, the NBLSA is now represented by six  
16 regional groups, with Ms. Gibson as inaugural chair of the new  
17 Southwest region, which represents chapters at law schools in  
18 Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana; and

19           WHEREAS, The SWBLSA will continue to support the mission of  
20 the national organization by promoting the needs and goals of black  
21 law students, improving the relationship of black attorneys and law  
22 students with the American legal system, and bringing about  
23 meaningful legal and political change that addresses the concerns  
24 of the black community; and

1           WHEREAS, For nearly half a century, the members of the NBLSA  
2 have contributed greatly to the cause of justice in our nation by  
3 encouraging and supporting the success of black and minority  
4 attorneys, and this dynamic new regional group represents an  
5 exciting addition to this proud legacy; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2017, as Southwest Region  
8 of National Black Law Students Association Day at the State Capitol  
9 and extend to its visiting members sincere best wishes for a  
10 meaningful and memorable visit to Austin; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 368

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 368 was adopted by the House on  
February 23, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House