

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 399

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Byron V. Garrett for his outstanding work in the fields of education and family relations; and

**WHEREAS**, Byron Garrett is chairman of the National Family Engagement Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming education through meaningful family engagement; throughout his career, he has been committed to advancing the principle that every individual has a responsibility to serve in the best interests of the nation's children; and

**WHEREAS**, He has held numerous posts through which he has contributed to the promotion of family-centered educational efforts; he has been a columnist for *Parenting* magazine, a lead strategist and planner for the NBC News program *Education Nation*, and a chief executive officer of the National PTA; he was also an integral part of the Helping America's Youth initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, A highly accomplished writer, he is the author of *The ABC's of Life*, and his work has appeared in such publications as the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and *Jet* magazine; he has been a featured guest on the *Today Show* and the *Dr. Phil* show; and

**WHEREAS**, Byron Garrett is also a talented speaker and an influential African American leader who has had a profound impact on the lives of countless young people, and it is truly fitting that he receive special recognition; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Byron V. Garrett on his exceptional literary work and educational initiatives and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him 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 March 9, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate