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H.R. No. 515

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For nearly three decades, the African-American
2 Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Texas has been an advocate for
3 the African American attorneys of the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, A recognized affiliate of the National Bar
5 Association, the section was established in the 1990s to enhance
6 the image of African Americans in the law by promoting the highest
7 standards of competence and ethics and offering its members
8 opportunities for professional development, networking, and
9 community service; and

10 WHEREAS, Each year, the section hosts the Texas
11 African-American Lawyers Diversity Summit to increase awareness of
12 the services and programs offered by the State Bar of Texas; in
13 addition, the group offers a wide variety of activities to help
14 members reach their professional and educational goals, serves as a
15 voice on public issues affecting its membership and the community
16 at large, and works to help its members find fulfillment in the
17 practice of law; and

18 WHEREAS, In order to promote the development of the next
19 generation of African American lawyers, members of the section
20 regularly mentor high school, college, and law school students
21 across Texas; the group has also worked with the Lawyers' Committee
22 for Civil Rights and the NAACP to combat voter suppression; and

23 WHEREAS, The African-American Lawyers Section plays an
24 important role in the lives and careers of the more than 5,400

1 African American attorneys in Texas by offering invaluable support,
2 encouragement, and opportunities for fellowship; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend the African-American Lawyers Section of
6 the State Bar of Texas for its contributions to the legal profession
7 and extend to its members sincere best wishes for continued
8 success; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the African-American Lawyers Section as an expression
11 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.