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H.R. No. 156

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The L. Clifford Davis Legal Association in Fort  
2 Worth has demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting African  
3 American legal professionals and advocating for equality and  
4 diversity; and

5           WHEREAS, The organization traces its roots back to 1977, when  
6 a group of 14 African American attorneys formed the Fort Worth Black  
7 Bar Association to address injustices in the legal system as well as  
8 in the wider community; as the organization expanded its reach, it  
9 changed its name to the Tarrant County Black Bar Association; in  
10 2012, it became the L. Clifford Davis Legal Association in honor of  
11 retired Texas senior district judge L. Clifford Davis, who played  
12 an important role in the desegregation of the Mansfield and Fort  
13 Worth school districts; and

14           WHEREAS, Since its inception, LCDLA has supported a number of  
15 worthy causes, such as those related to housing, employment,  
16 voting, education, and civil rights; today, the association  
17 benefits from the able leadership of president Christopher Tolbert,  
18 and its many initiatives include mentorship programs, continuing  
19 legal education courses, expunction clinics, legal summer camps for  
20 youths, and community service opportunities; and

21           WHEREAS, The L. Clifford Davis Legal Association has worked  
22 to further the professional goals of African American attorneys and  
23 to make the justice system more responsive to the needs of the  
24 African American community, and the members of this outstanding

1 organization are indeed deserving of special recognition for their  
2 many achievements; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor the L. Clifford Davis  
5 Legal Association for its contributions to the community and extend  
6 to its members sincere best wishes for continued success in their  
7 endeavors; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives.