

By: Reynolds

H.R. No. 1313

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum of the City
2 of Houston was elected as president of the Texas Municipal League on
3 May 11, 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1913, the Texas Municipal League
5 seeks to empower Texas cities by providing legislative, legal, and
6 training services to city governments; its 16,000 members from more
7 than 1,160 cities include mayors, city councilpersons, city
8 managers, city attorneys, and department heads; chosen as the
9 league's president-elect on October 15, 2020, Ms. Castex-Tatum
10 began serving an extended term as president when her predecessor
11 vacated the position early; the eighth City of Houston official to
12 be elected president of TML and the first president to have served
13 on the city councils of two Texas cities, she will hold the office
14 until October 2022; she also represents the City of Houston on the
15 TML board of directors; and

16 WHEREAS, In May 2018, Ms. Castex-Tatum won a special election
17 to fill the vacant Houston City Council position for District K, and
18 in January 2020, she began her first four-year term on the council;
19 that same month, she was unanimously elected as vice mayor pro tem
20 by the mayor and city council; she chairs the Economic Development
21 Committee and sits on the Budget and Fiscal Affairs, Ethics,
22 Elections and Council Governance, Housing and Community Affairs,
23 Regulatory and Neighborhood Affairs, and Transportation,
24 Technology and Infrastructure Committees; and

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Castex-Tatum earned her bachelor's degree in
2 business administration and her master's degree in public
3 administration from Texas State University, and she has been an
4 active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., for nearly three
5 decades; she was the first African American woman to serve on the
6 San Marcos City Council, where she served as deputy mayor pro tem;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Martha Castex-Tatum is proving herself to be a civic
9 leader of exceptional vision and ability, and she may indeed take
10 great pride in her record of service as she takes on the challenges
11 and opportunities of her new position; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Martha Castex-Tatum on her
14 election as president of the Texas Municipal League and extend to
15 her sincere best wishes for a successful tenure; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Ms. Castex-Tatum as an expression of high regard by
18 the Texas House of Representatives.