

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Houston mayor Sylvester Turner was sworn in as  
2 president of the African American Mayors Association on May 11,  
3 2021; and

4           WHEREAS, Established in 2014, the African American Mayors  
5 Association supports public policies that impact the vitality and  
6 sustainability of cities, provides mayors with leadership and  
7 management tools, and creates a forum for member mayors to share  
8 best practices related to municipal management; Mayor Turner has  
9 served on the board and as vice president of the association; and

10           WHEREAS, First elected mayor of Houston in 2015, Sylvester  
11 Turner has ably guided the nation's fourth-largest city as it has  
12 faced an array of issues, including budget deficits, natural  
13 disasters, and the COVID-19 pandemic; during his tenure, he has  
14 passed five balanced budgets, led Houston's recovery from Hurricane  
15 Harvey, and championed historic pension reform; a lifelong Houston  
16 resident, he is also leading initiatives to strengthen communities  
17 and address homelessness, climate change, and police reform; and

18           WHEREAS, Before becoming mayor, Sylvester Turner represented  
19 his hometown for 27 years as a member of the Texas House of  
20 Representatives; he was speaker pro tem for three terms and served  
21 as a member of the house appropriations committee for an impressive  
22 21 years; he is a graduate of the University of Houston, and he  
23 earned his law degree from Harvard; and

24           WHEREAS, Mayor Sylvester Turner has provided dynamic

1 leadership during a time of many challenges and opportunities for  
2 the City of Houston, and his extensive insight and experience make  
3 him a fitting choice to lead the African American Mayors  
4 Association; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Mayor Sylvester Turner on being  
7 named president of the African American Mayors Association and  
8 extend to him sincere best wishes for a successful and productive  
9 tenure; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1421

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1421 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House