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H.R. No. 1421

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.