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H.R. No. 1745

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mary D. Fontenot has been named the Outstanding
2 Texan for House District 142 by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus
3 at its 2021 summit; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong Houstonian, Mary Fontenot received her
5 education at the University of Houston, and she began her career
6 with the COMPAQ computer company before working with Humana and the
7 Memorial Healthcare System, managing community initiatives in
8 partnership with the City of Houston, the State of Texas, and other
9 local agencies; she has earned a sterling reputation for her
10 successful coordination of marketing projects for corporate and
11 nonprofit clients, reaching local, national, and international
12 audiences; and

13 WHEREAS, Several Houston mayors, including Lee P. Brown, Bill
14 White, and Bob Lanier, have relied on Ms. Fontenot's skill and work
15 ethic for fundraising initiatives, business conferences, and
16 international festivals; she also played a vital role in the public
17 relations team of the late Joe Sample, the Grammy Award-winning
18 pianist and Houston native; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to her professional accomplishments,
20 Ms. Fontenot has demonstrated her commitment to the community
21 through her efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, when she
22 partnered with several organizations to arrange for the repair of
23 more than 100 homes; during the COVID-19 pandemic, she helped
24 organize the grassroots distribution of food and supplies to

1 thousands of senior citizens and other vulnerable residents in the
2 northeast and southeast parts of Houston; moreover, she is an
3 active member of Preserving Communities of Color, working to
4 document and preserve the heritage of Houston's Pleasantville
5 neighborhood; and

6 WHEREAS, Over the course of her life, Mary Fontenot has
7 tirelessly dedicated herself to improving the lives of her fellow
8 citizens, and this prestigious honor from the Texas Legislative
9 Black Caucus is a fitting tribute to her long record of achievement;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Mary Fontenot for being named the
13 Outstanding Texan for House District 142 by the Texas Legislative
14 Black Caucus and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
15 success and happiness; and, be it further

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