

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Houston Lawyers Association are
2 gathering at the State Capitol in Austin on March 19, 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, An affiliate chapter of the National Bar
4 Association, the Houston Lawyers Association was established in
5 1955 to address the needs of Black lawyers and the Black community
6 in general after one of the association's founders,
7 Robert W. Hainsworth, challenged the Houston Bar Association's
8 policy to refuse admission for African Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, Today, HLA promotes education and equal justice
10 under the law through advocacy, mentoring, and coalition building;
11 to that end, the organization provides its members with a forum to
12 discuss the various issues that affect their communities, and it
13 also conducts continuing legal training seminars, evaluates
14 judicial candidates, distributes relevant information to foster
15 professional growth and development, and offers opportunities for
16 networking; and

17 WHEREAS, For seven decades, HLA has served as a stalwart
18 voice for the Black community while helping to combat injustice,
19 and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to honor the
20 association and its members; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize March 19, 2025, as Houston Lawyers
23 Association Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to
24 the visiting delegation; and, be it further

H.R. No. 390

1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for the Houston Lawyers Association as an expression of
3 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 390 was adopted by the House on March 19, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House