

By: Reynolds

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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

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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.