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CARIBBEAN HERITAGE SMALL BUSINESS FORUM A 'SUCCESS'

On Saturday June 8, 2013, members of the Houston Caribbean Small Business and Entrepreneur community gathered at Cool Runnings Jamaican Grill to be part of the Caribbean American Heritage Month Small Business Forum with the participation of the South Central Regional Office of the United States Small Business Administration and Houston SCORE.

The small business forum served as an educational forum to empower local Caribbean small business owners about the many incentives and available programs throughout the city.

Houston's SCORE Beth Shapiro made an incredible and compelling presentation to the group whom were pleased with the information being provided. Houston City Council Member Larry Green was the meeting's Special Guest. Council Member Green is also the area's council representative in the City Council and encouraged the group to continue the advocacy and work with his office.

HOUSTON CARIBFEST 2013

The 11th Annual Houston Caribbean Festival took place during the week of July 2nd to July 7th with events that included Operation Carnaval Ultra Glow All White Gala, Jouvert and the annual Parade of the bands at Tom Bass Park with participating mass bands that included Adrenaline, Bad Habits and Houston Madd Colors—whose "Wonderland" presentation won the 2013 Houston Caribbean Festival Band of the Year.

For more information about Houston Caribbean Festival log on to www.hcffestial.com.

PLAZAMERICAS SHOPPING CENTER TURNS CARIBBEAN IN JUNE

FAMILY & KIDS DAY AT THE MALL DRAWS A CROWD CELEBRATING CARIBBEAN HERITAGE.

The Family and Kids Day at the Mall, is a family event held in Houston in honor of Caribbean-American Heritage Month, the occasion commemorating the contributions and ingenuity of the Caribbean community to the development and advancement of society.

The city of Houston has a large population of this upcoming community whose own diversity is a reflection of Houston's international image. Composed of Native, Amerindian, African, East Indian, Pacific, European and American descent, the Houston Caribbean Community is the city's upcoming and diverse community. Many thanks to PlazAmericas, Soca Passion, St. Kitts and Nevis Association of Houston, One Love Caribbean Newspaper, the Houston Dynamo, Houston Colombian Festival, Revista Hispana, Houston Honduran Festival, Cool Runnings Jamaican Grill, Jugglers United, Barbados Association of Houston, St. Lucia Association of Texas, Texas House Representative Dr. Alma Allen, Texas State Senator Rodney Ellis, Houston Mayor Anise Parker, Houston City Councilman Jerry Davis, Houston City Councilman Larry Green, Houston City Councilman Mike Laster, Houston Association of Panamanians, Houston Caribbean Festival, the entire Houston Madd Colors membership and Family, Empress Promotions and models who are part of this celebration, Houston Bad Habits Masquerade bands and all participants of the Houston Parade of Bands on Sunday July 7th, COGUA, The Young Houston Magazine,DJ VYBZ, DJ NATURAL TOUCH, DJ DANY BOY, DJ SILLENT KILLA, Local Media Texas Caribbean Round Table, Dr. Claire Nelson and the Institute of Caribbean Studies, The White House for the Proclamation of June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month.

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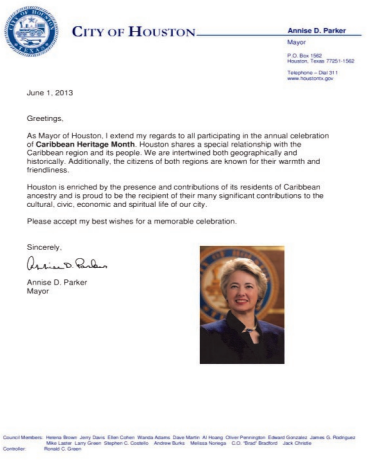
TEXAS OFFICIALS PRAISES CARIBBEAN PRIDE



CITY OF HOUSTON

Annise D. Parker
Mayor

June 1, 2013

Greetings,

As Mayor of Houston, I extend my regards to all participating in the annual celebration of **Caribbean Heritage Month**. Houston shares a special relationship with the Caribbean region and its people. We are intertwined both geographically and historically. Additionally, the citizens of both regions are known for their warmth and friendliness.

Houston is enriched by the presence and contributions of its residents of Caribbean ancestry and is proud to be the recipient of their many significant contributions to the cultural, civic, economic and spiritual life of our city.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable celebration.

Sincerely,

Annise D. Parker
Mayor

Texas Officials praised June's celebration of Caribbean Heritage Month including Texas State Senator Rodney Ellis, Texas House of Representative Dr. Alma Allen, Houston City Council Members Larry Green, Jerry Davis and Mike Laster. In addition Congressman Al Green who participated in this year's events.

Houston's Mayor, Anisse parker praised the local celebration as part of the city's pride.