

Certificate of Congressional Recognition

Presented to

Mrs. Ekaette Unoma Akpabio

FIRST LADY OF AKWA IBOM STATE, NIGERIA

On the occasion of

STATE OF AKWA IBOM ADDRESS AND TOWNHALL MEETING

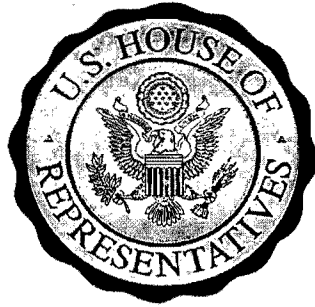
- WHEREAS,** The Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State, H.E. Chief (Dr.) Godswill Akpabio, specially invites all Akwa Ibom professionals and business executives resident in the USA, Canada and Europe to Houston, Texas on Saturday, August 6, 2011. The Governor will be accompanied to the August event by his wife, Her Excellency Mrs. Ekaette Unoma Akpabio, the First Lady of Akwa Ibom State and a strong delegation comprising key state government officials as well as business, community, and social leaders; and
- WHEREAS,** Mrs. Ekaette Unoma Godswill Akpabio was born on the 9th of June 1971 to late Godwin and Beatrice Nkemdilim Ejike both of Ozom Aguobu--Owa, Ezeagu Local Government Area of Enugu State; and
- WHEREAS,** She attended Zik Avenue Primary School, Enugu before proceeding to City Girls Secondary School, Enugu for her West African School Certificate Examination, Ekaette Unoma Akpabio obtained a degree in Education Accounting from the Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State. She is a devout Catholic and very devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary; and
- WHEREAS,** She has a mission to empower women, alleviate poverty, encourage youths who are disillusioned and give the disabled a sense of belonging; and
- WHEREAS,** Since the assumption of her role as the First Lady of Akwa Ibom State, Mrs. Akpabio has given of her time, energy and resources to the poorest and otherwise excluded groups in the State. She has established the Family Life Enhancement Initiative, as a not-for-profit organization to promote the well being of the families which she is trying hard to sensitize in order to reposition them for the moral good of the society; and
- WHEREAS,** Apart from women, children and young people who constitute the stated targets of Mrs. Akpabio's work, she has also created a big social impact on the lives of the physically challenged, the motherless, the hospitalized, the homeless, the elderly and the prison inmates in the State; and
- WHEREAS,** The First Lady has been open-handed to many needy persons and groups but her kindness towards a blind, Mr. Noah Jonah of Inem Ikot Ibiom in Oruk Anam Local Government Area and Mr. Cosmas Okon Edem, a homeless father of six children in Ifa Ikot Okpon, Uyo Local Government area; and
- WHEREAS,** Her Excellency has received many honours including Patron, Widows Right Advocacy Network, Grand Patron anti-child trafficking club, Patron Akwa Ibom State Joint Association for Handicapped persons. Her Excellency loves reading, travelling and philanthropy. She is happily married to His Excellency, Governor Godswill Akpabio of Akwa Ibom State with lovely children; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, on behalf of the constituents of the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas, I take great pride in welcoming H.E. Gov. Godswill Akpabio & Mrs. Ekaette Unoma Akpabio to Houston, Texas. Indeed your successful work in Akwa Ibom and your shining example of leadership is truly worthy of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the United States Congress.

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- WHEREAS,** Chief (Dr.) Godswill Obot Akpabio was born on December 09, 1962 to Mr. Obot Akpabio and Madam Lucy Akpabio of Ukana Ikot Ntuen, Essien Udim Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State. He completed his primary education at Methodist Primary School, Ukana, where he obtained a Distinction in the First School Leaving Certificate Examination. He was admitted into the prestigious Federal Government College, Port Harcourt, Rivers State and thereat completed his WAEC and GCE A' His Excellency, Obong (Barr.) Godswill Obot Akpabio was sworn in on May 29, 2007 for a four year term as the 3rd civilian governor of Akwa Ibom State; and
- WHEREAS,** Having run on the platform of the People Democratic Party of Nigeria (PDP) Governor Godswill Akpabio is moved by an overwhelming people's mandate and a vision which subsequently developed into a 9-point agenda to re-brand and re-position Akwa Ibom State in the Nigerian configuration through programs such as industrialization, poverty reduction, Community entrepreneurship, food security among others; and
- WHEREAS,** In just a year a web of modern road network was deployed across all 31 local government areas of the state for greater accessibility. Talking of accessibility, the state now holds world class events as was witnessed with hosting of Africa's biggest political party, the People's Democratic Party (PDP), on October 23 - 25, 2008, a number of other events have gracefully taken place in the state; and
- WHEREAS,** Indeed, numerous projects rolled out by Governor Akpabio's pragmatic leadership covers all 31 local governments of the state to the extent that the citizenry has variously described his Excellency as a "Digital Governor", a "Promise Keeper", "Amiable Governor", "indefatigable Governor" and "God's will for Akwa Ibom State."; and
- WHEREAS,** The focus is industrialization and to do that His Excellency has placed the state's resources in the right baskets, the baskets of air transport, sea port, tourism, skills acquisition, education, and agriculture among others. Akwa Ibom State of today has become a state with limitless opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** With so many projects delivered, over 300 of them, and a lot still in the works Akwa Ibom State now stands out as a foremost state in the Niger Delta, not embroiled in tribal wars, militancy, or crime. The best is yet to come as investments are flooding the state and new opportunities get unveiled. This is indeed a repositioned and re-branded Akwa Ibom State; and

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