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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Black Expo marked its 20th anniversary in
2 2022, and the organization is celebrating that special milestone as
3 part of its signature event, the Summer Celebration Tradeshow,
4 taking place May 18-21, 2023, in Houston; and

5 WHEREAS, Established in 2002, the Texas Black Expo is a
6 nonprofit organization committed to fostering business growth and
7 development, introducing youth to entrepreneurship, and sponsoring
8 events designed to inform and economically empower members of the
9 community; from its origins as a once-a-year trade show in Houston,
10 the group has broadened its mission and expanded its reach to
11 include affiliate chapters throughout the state; and

12 WHEREAS, The Texas Black Expo was founded by its president
13 and CEO, Jerome Love, who has also distinguished himself as an
14 entrepreneur and professional speaker; he has addressed such
15 high-profile gatherings as the Los Angeles Mayor's Economic
16 Development Summit and the New Mexico State Leadership Conference,
17 and his business achievements have been honored with a number of
18 accolades, including recognition as the Multi-Million Dollar Top
19 Producer by Prudential Texas Realty and as Entrepreneur of the Year
20 by the Houston Chapter of the National Black MBA Association; and

21 WHEREAS, The expo's Summer Celebration is one of the state's
22 largest African American trade shows, and it facilitates networking
23 and the discovery of new business opportunities for its 20,000
24 attendees; more than 200 companies enhance their visibility by

1 exhibiting each year; in addition to business development seminars,
2 the Summer Celebration features health and wellness programming,
3 women's forums, concert performances, celebrity entertainers, and
4 other cultural content; a highlight of the 2023 event is the
5 corporate luncheon featuring NBA legend and famed entrepreneur
6 Earvin "Magic" Johnson as keynote speaker; and

7 WHEREAS, Committed to developing resilient businesses, the
8 Texas Black Expo has helped many small companies and organizations
9 build a strong foundation for growth, and in so doing, it has helped
10 to increase the prosperity of their communities and the economic
11 dynamism of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas Black Expo on its 20th
14 anniversary and extend to all those associated with this noteworthy
15 organization sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
16 further

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