

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, One of America's leading political commentators and  
2 favorite talk show hosts, Tavis Smiley has achieved excellence in  
3 broadcasting once again with his highly acclaimed *The Tavis Smiley*  
4 *Show* on National Public Radio (NPR); and

5           WHEREAS, The former host of the popular *BET Tonight with*  
6 *Tavis Smiley* on Black Entertainment Television, Mr. Smiley  
7 contributes political commentary to the *Tom Joyner Morning Show* and  
8 is a correspondent for CNN and for ABC-TV's *Good Morning America* and  
9 *Primetime Thursday*; the author of five books, including his most  
10 recent release, *How to Make Black America Better*, Mr. Smiley also  
11 publishes *The Smiley Report* newsletter and serves as a contributing  
12 editor for *USA Weekend* magazine; and

13           WHEREAS, Translating his personal accomplishments into  
14 public service, this Indiana University graduate has founded the  
15 Tavis Smiley Foundation, a nonprofit organization aimed at  
16 encouraging, empowering, and enlightening African American youth;  
17 among its many projects, the foundation features the Youth to  
18 Leaders program, an annual one-day leadership-building conference  
19 that takes place in cities across America; in addition, Tavis  
20 Smiley Presents, a subsidiary of The Smiley Group, Inc., has  
21 produced the historic Black Think Tank series broadcast  
22 internationally on C-SPAN; and

23           WHEREAS, This accomplished gentleman has been widely  
24 recognized for his myriad contributions to the African American

1 community; named one of *Time* magazine's 50 most promising young  
2 leaders, Mr. Smiley has won the NAACP Image Award for Best "News,  
3 Talk, or Information Series" for three consecutive years, and he is  
4 the recipient of the prestigious Mickey Leland Humanitarian Award  
5 from the National Association of Minorities in Communications; and

6 WHEREAS, On January 7, 2002, Mr. Smiley embarked on yet  
7 another groundbreaking endeavor when *The Tavis Smiley Show* debuted  
8 on NPR on 16 key public radio stations nationwide; the first African  
9 American to host his own signature show for the station, Mr. Smiley  
10 has created one of the fastest-growing programs in the network's  
11 history, interviewing exciting guests ranging from world leaders to  
12 pop stars on a broad range of topics; and

13 WHEREAS, With his new show, Mr. Smiley has secured a  
14 prominent place in the annals of broadcast journalism, digging to  
15 the core of today's issues to discover what really matters to people  
16 and further establishing himself as one of this nation's most  
17 exciting media personalities and leading political analysts; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
20 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Tavis Smiley  
21 for his many significant accomplishments and extend to him best  
22 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for Mr. Smiley as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
25 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 22

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 22 was adopted by the House on August 5, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House