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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Darrick Eugene of Austin celebrated his 40th
2 birthday on September 1, 2003, and this special occasion provides
3 an ideal opportunity to recognize the many achievements of this
4 esteemed Texan; and

5 WHEREAS, An honors student with the first graduating class of
6 Willowridge High School, Mr. Eugene attended The University of
7 Texas at Austin, where he majored in government and economics,
8 making the Dean's List and graduating with honors in 1986; during
9 the 69th Legislative Session, Mr. Eugene worked for State
10 Representative Harold V. Dutton, and later he was employed with
11 Harris County Commissioner El Franco Lee; and

12 WHEREAS, After graduating from the university, Mr. Eugene
13 moved to Washington, D.C., to serve as a legislative aide for the
14 late Congressman Mickey Leland; then, returning to his studies, he
15 pursued a master's degree in public affairs from the LBJ School and
16 graduated in 1989; and

17 WHEREAS, Recruited by AT&T to work in the company's chief
18 financial officers organization, Mr. Eugene worked for AT&T in
19 Nashville, Tennessee, Morristown, New Jersey, and Dallas before
20 coming to Austin, where in 1998 he became the company's director of
21 state government affairs; after having served with distinction in
22 that position for several years, Mr. Eugene once again decided to
23 further his education, and he is currently completing his third
24 year at The University of Texas School of Law; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to his professional and educational
2 achievements, Mr. Eugene is knowledgeable in international affairs
3 and is an accomplished traveler who has made repeated visits to
4 South Africa; in all his endeavors, he has enjoyed the love and
5 support of his family, including his wife, Dr. Chiquita
6 Watt-Eugene, and daughter, Nzingha Williams-Eugene; and

7 WHEREAS, This accomplished gentleman will undoubtedly
8 continue to add to his impressive list of achievements in the years
9 ahead, and it is a great pleasure to honor him in his 40th year; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Darrick
13 Eugene on his 40th birthday and extend to him best wishes for
14 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Mr. Eugene as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 House of Representatives.