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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, On February 21, 2004, citizens of Bexar County 2 gathered at the Black Business Expo of San Antonio to celebrate the 3 emergence of a strong and dynamic African American business 4 community in the area; and

WHEREAS, The largest affair of its kind in the San Antonio 5 6 market, this annual event fosters long-lasting business relationships among entrepreneurs, business owners, commercial 7 vendors, and consumers, thus helping to create a foundation for 8 continued economic growth and prosperity in the Alamo City; since 9 the expo's inception nearly eight years ago, area citizens have 10 11 benefited immeasurably from the many innovative programs available 12 to those in attendance; and

13 WHEREAS, The Black Business Expo features an array of 14 activities of interest to businesspeople, consumers, parents, and children and has over the years brought much-deserved recognition 15 to San Antonio's thriving arts and entertainment communities as 16 well as to civic organizations and charities; proceeds from 17 previous events have been donated to such worthy organizations as 18 the Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission and the Davis-Scott YMCA's 19 20 Partners of Youth program; and

21 WHEREAS, In keeping with its stated mission to showcase 22 successful minority-owned companies, the Black Business Expo of San 23 Antonio also hosts the African American Business Awards Banquet, 24 recognizing the efforts of those business leaders who have

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demonstrated uncommon vision, integrity, and determination; and WHEREAS, The organizers and participants of the Black Business Expo are helping to make Texas a place in which all residents may enjoy economic prosperity and self-determination, and it is indeed fitting at this time that we pay special tribute to those involved in making this occasion one that will continue to grow with each passing year; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas 9 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby recognize the 2004 Black 10 Business Expo of San Antonio and commend all those associated with 11 this important event for their contributions toward ensuring a 12 bright future for all residents of the Lone Star State; and, be it 13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 15 prepared for the Black Business Expo of San Antonio, Inc., as an 16 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 276 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House