By: McClendon H.R. No. 276

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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1 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

further

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

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