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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Elite News Religious Hall of Fame pays tribute
2 to outstanding individuals in the ministry, and this worthwhile
3 endeavor merits our special praise; and

4 WHEREAS, At an August 9, 2003, event, hosted by the Wyndham
5 Anatole Hotel in Dallas, awards will recognize the achievements of
6 14 exemplary pastors for their contributions to their churches and
7 communities, while one accolade will be awarded posthumously; and

8 WHEREAS, Established in 2000 by William Blair, Jr., who also
9 founded the *Elite News* newspaper, the Religious Hall of Fame pays
10 homage to men and women from Dallas and other Texas communities for
11 the benevolent impact they have accomplished through religion
12 during careers that have spanned a minimum of 15 years; and

13 WHEREAS, To date, 32 individuals have received a medallion
14 and ring as symbols of the esteem in which they are held, including
15 past honorees Dr. C. A. W. Clark, Bishop C. D. Coleman, Dr. Floyd
16 Williams of Houston, Dr. L. B. George of Fort Worth, Dr. C. B. T.
17 Smith, Dr. Zan Holmes, and Apostle Lobias Murray; and

18 WHEREAS, Plans are in process for a Dallas area Religious
19 Hall of Fame museum that will afford visitors the opportunity to
20 learn about these exceptional members of the clergy and the many
21 good works they have performed in behalf of others; now, therefore,
22 be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislature hereby salute founder William Blair, Jr., and the Elite

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1 News Religious Hall of Fame staff for honoring pastoral leaders and
2 extend to all those involved with the 2003 induction ceremonies
3 best wishes for a memorable and fulfilling event.