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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Mays family are gathering for a
2 reunion in Robstown and Corpus Christi on August 5-7, 2005; and

3 WHEREAS, Celebrating 93 years of history in Robstown and the
4 surrounding area, Mays family members take great pride in their
5 forebears, Riley and Ella Mays, who, in 1912, became the first
6 African American family to settle in the town; the couple founded
7 and organized Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in 1918 and later
8 used the church building to establish the community's first African
9 American public school, which was named for Phillis Wheatley; and

10 WHEREAS, Through the years, the contributions made by the men
11 and women of the Mays family, which has included many educators,
12 have been interwoven in the compelling story of Texas, and the 2005
13 reunion provides a welcome opportunity for participants to pay
14 homage to their ancestors and celebrate their shared heritage; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
17 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the 2005 Mays
18 family reunion and extend to all those attending this event sincere
19 best wishes for a memorable and meaningful gathering; and, be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for the Mays family as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.