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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The inaugural African American Economic Roundtable
2 is being held in San Antonio at Our Lady of Charity Convent on July
3 29, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Organized by the Jefferson Heights Association and
5 the Community Economic Revitalization Agency (CERA), with support
6 from the City of San Antonio, the conference is designed to assess
7 the opportunities and challenges facing African American
8 residents--some 80,000 strong--in the Alamo City; and

9 WHEREAS, Goals for the roundtable include defining a quality
10 of life that will sustain San Antonio's African American citizens,
11 promoting economic empowerment through the dissemination of
12 information, strengthening collaborative community relationships,
13 and creating lasting public-private partnerships; in addition, it
14 is expected that the roundtable will serve as a platform from which
15 future discussion can stem; and

16 WHEREAS, Panelists for this notable event come from both the
17 public and private sectors and bring to the forum a broad range of
18 expertise, knowledge that will be crucial as the work of community
19 and economic development moves forward; and

20 WHEREAS, The Jefferson Heights Association, a dynamic
21 organization founded in 2002 to address social, economic, and
22 environmental concerns in one of the city's most historic
23 districts, and CERA, a widely respected nonprofit that promotes
24 economic revitalization on the city's Eastside, are to be warmly

1 commended on their hosting of this important exchange; by launching
2 a serious, comprehensive conversation about the condition of the
3 black community and about strategies for meeting its needs, these
4 groups are making a significant contribution both to the well-being
5 of San Antonio's African American residents and to the strength and
6 vitality of the city itself; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the inaugural
9 African American Economic Roundtable in San Antonio and extend
10 sincere best wishes to all those associated with this gathering for
11 a most productive and informative event.