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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, James Prince is being honored by his alma mater,
2 Phillis Wheatley High School, with a 2006 Phillis Wheatley Award on
3 May 20; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Prince's success in the business world is rooted
5 in his desire to help others; in the mid-1980s, when he was trying
6 to convince two neighborhood youths to stay in school, he promised
7 to help them get started in the music business after they graduated,
8 and to that end, he created Rap-A-Lot Records, which has sold
9 millions of albums over the past two decades; and

10 WHEREAS, A second business, Prince Boxing, has also proven
11 successful, and Mr. Prince's adept management of professional
12 fighters garnered him the Boxing Manager of the Year Award from the
13 Las Vegas Boxing Commission in 2004; this venture, too, has allowed
14 him to give back to the community, with the nonprofit Prince Boxing
15 Complex in Houston offering recreational programs for
16 disadvantaged inner-city youth; most recently, this innovative
17 entrepreneur has launched a company that he hopes will help people
18 protect themselves against AIDS and other sexually transmitted
19 diseases; and

20 WHEREAS, Phillis Wheatley High School counts among its
21 graduates many who have made far-reaching contributions in behalf
22 of their fellow citizens, and through his service, James Prince is
23 joining this notable group; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

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1 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate James Prince
2 on his receipt of a 2006 Phillis Wheatley Award and extend to him
3 best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Mr. Prince as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives.