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H.R. No. 26

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, James Lindsey Blair of San Antonio has earned the  
2 Wofford College Alumni Distinguished Service Award, becoming the  
3 first African American to be so honored in the 50-year history of  
4 the program; and

5           WHEREAS, The Distinguished Service Award is presented to  
6 graduates of Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, who  
7 have distinguished themselves in their professional careers and in  
8 service to humanity that reflects honorably on both the recipient  
9 and the school; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Blair earned a bachelor's degree from Wofford  
11 College, where he was a star player on the Wofford Terrier  
12 basketball team; his skills on the court won him a host of athletic  
13 awards and accolades, including the retirement of his jersey and  
14 induction into Wofford's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994; he went on  
15 to play professional basketball in the Philippines before starting  
16 his business career; and

17           WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman is the former executive  
18 director of Caring Helps Another Make Progress, Inc. (CHAMP), a  
19 nonprofit organization designed to help the at-risk inner-city  
20 young people of his hometown, Birmingham, Alabama; today, he  
21 continues to promote educational opportunities and enrichment  
22 programs for children as the executive director of Miller Child  
23 Development Center, Inc., in San Antonio; and

24           WHEREAS, Mr. Blair has been duly recognized for his many

1 contributions, earning San Antonio's 40 Under 40 Rising Stars award  
2 and the Omega Psi Fraternity, Inc./Psi Alpha Chapter Educator of  
3 the Year Award; and

4 WHEREAS, A man of strong faith, Mr. Blair is an ordained  
5 deacon, president of the men's usher board, and a member of several  
6 committees at Second Baptist Church; in all of his endeavors, he  
7 enjoys the support of his wife, Shawana, and his children, Telica,  
8 Shamia, Clayton, Lindsey, and Jasmine; and

9 WHEREAS, Believing that all children should have the  
10 opportunity to fulfill their potential, James Blair has devoted  
11 much of his time and talents to enriching the lives of disadvantaged  
12 youth, and his dedication to the development and guidance of young  
13 people is deserving of the admiration and gratitude of every Texan;  
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby congratulate James Lindsey Blair on earning the  
17 Wofford College Alumni Distinguished Service Award and extend to  
18 him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and,  
19 be it further

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