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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. David Molapo and the "I Can" Quintet are  
2 visiting the State Capitol on February 7, 2005; and

3 WHEREAS, A well-known motivational speaker, author, and  
4 management consultant, Dr. Molapo has used his host of talents to  
5 inspire and guide countless South African residents; an expert on a  
6 range of topics, including quality management, communication,  
7 entrepreneurial skills, team building, leadership, and accepting  
8 change, he provides individuals with the confidence and tools  
9 needed to change their own lives and to help others; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Molapo has overcome serious challenges in his  
11 own life; imprisoned for political activities at the age of 13,  
12 today he proudly delivers the important message that, "We are no  
13 longer prisoners of our past, but pioneers of our future"; and

14 WHEREAS, The recipient of many prestigious accolades, Dr.  
15 Molapo has earned the Young Achiever of the Year-South Africa  
16 Award, the Four Outstanding Young South Africans Award, the PMR  
17 Silver Arrow Award, Rotary International's Paul Harris Fellow  
18 award, and the African Bank Reach for the Sky Award; and

19 WHEREAS, This visionary leader is a highly regarded  
20 businessman and has served as chair of the SAA Transformation  
21 Commission and director of Dimension Data; he currently sits on the  
22 boards of several multinational companies; and

23 WHEREAS, In 1991, Dr. Molapo organized the "I Can" Quintet to  
24 help spread his message of hope; part of the I Can Foundation, which

1 promotes social justice, democracy, and community development, the  
2 a capella group includes Soweto natives Simon Morakhomo, Bongani  
3 Maseko, Thomas Sokhela, Thembinkosi Mbatha, and Thulane Galani; and

4 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the quintet has performed at  
5 such important events as World AIDS Day, Women's Day, Youth Day, and  
6 World Health Day; and

7 WHEREAS, Committed to spreading a powerful message of  
8 optimism and determination, Dr. Molapo and the "I Can" Quintet have  
9 inspired countless individuals across the globe, and it is a  
10 pleasure to honor their efforts at this time; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby welcome Dr. David Molapo and the "I Can" Quintet  
13 to the State Capitol on February 7, 2005, and commend them for their  
14 continued contributions to keeping hope in the world.