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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of the Texas Publishers Association are
2 gathering for the organization's 19th annual convention March
3 17-19, 2005, in San Antonio, and this special occasion is a fitting
4 time to reflect on the contributions of this vital group of African
5 American newspapers and publishers; and

6 WHEREAS, TPA was established in 1985, when a group of
7 visionary publishers, many of whom were members of the National
8 Newspaper Publishers Association, decided to work together on a
9 regional level to promote print media and serve as a resource for
10 helpful and reliable news and information; and

11 WHEREAS, Representing 26 African American newspapers, the
12 association continues to meet the changing needs of the African
13 American community today by focusing on social, political, and
14 economic empowerment; its mission is to act as the governing body
15 for the African American print media industry, providing member
16 newspapers technical support and opportunities for increased
17 advertising, and ultimately keeping Texas readers informed about
18 events and issues significant to their lives and to the African
19 American community as a whole; and

20 WHEREAS, TPA is a tireless advocate for its members and their
21 readers; during the observance of Texas Publishers Association
22 Black Press Week, the organization may particularly take pride in
23 the role it continues to play in representing African American
24 publications and their readers in the Lone Star State for nearly two

1 decades; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor the members of the Texas Publishers
4 Association on the occasion of the organization's 19th annual
5 convention; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.