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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, NASA Administrator Michael D. Griffin is being
2 honored by the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership at its 2007
3 annual banquet; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Griffin began his tenure as NASA Administrator
5 on April 14, 2005, following his nomination by President George W.
6 Bush and his subsequent confirmation by the United States Senate;
7 he is the 11th Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space
8 Administration, and his duties include leading the NASA team and
9 managing its resources to advance the U.S. Vision for Space
10 Exploration; and

11 WHEREAS, Supremely qualified to undertake this challenging
12 and demanding role, Dr. Griffin has previously served as space
13 department head at Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics
14 Laboratory, as president and chief operating officer of In-Q-Tel,
15 Inc., and in leadership roles with Orbital Sciences Corporation;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Griffin also has ties to the NASA family, having
18 served as chief engineer and as associate administrator for
19 exploration; in addition, he has worked as deputy for technology at
20 the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization; and

21 WHEREAS, This noted scientist holds multiple degrees from
22 several of America's top schools, including a bachelor's degree in
23 physics and a master's degree in applied physics from Johns Hopkins
24 University and a Ph.D. in aerospace engineering from the University

1 of Maryland; he has also earned master's degrees in aerospace
2 science from Catholic University of America, electrical
3 engineering from the University of Southern California, business
4 administration from Loyola College, and civil engineering from
5 George Washington University; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Griffin is a registered professional engineer in
7 Maryland and California, as well as a member of the Institute of
8 Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the National Academy of
9 Engineering, the International Academy of Astronautics, and other
10 esteemed organizations; moreover, he is a recipient of the NASA
11 Exceptional Achievement Medal and the Department of Defense
12 Distinguished Public Service Medal, the highest honor awarded to a
13 non-governmental employee; and

14 WHEREAS, In all of his pursuits, Dr. Griffin has demonstrated
15 exceptional ability and steadfast dedication, and these qualities
16 have been a great asset in his commendable efforts as NASA
17 Administrator; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
19 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Michael D. Griffin for his superlative
20 achievements as NASA Administrator and extend best wishes to him
21 for continued success; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Dr. Griffin as an expression of high regard by the
24 Texas House of Representatives.