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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Television personality and author Montel Williams
2 is performing an important service in his role as national
3 spokesperson for the Partnership for Prescription Assistance; and

4 WHEREAS, By joining forces with PPA, Mr. Williams has helped
5 to focus national attention on this organization's vital work; the
6 Partnership for Prescription Assistance helps patients who lack
7 prescription drug coverage to get the medicines they need; a
8 coalition of 1,300 organizations belong to the partnership,
9 including pharmaceutical companies, medical professionals,
10 health-care providers, nonprofit organizations, and business
11 groups; and

12 WHEREAS, Among its many services, PPA provides a convenient
13 and effective means for patients to receive information about
14 hundreds of public and private prescription programs; in addition,
15 it helps individuals to understand Medicare, Medicaid, and State
16 Children's Health Insurance Program benefits, and it provides
17 information on how to contact the appropriate government agencies;
18 since its launch in 2005, PPA has helped more than three million
19 people across the country; and

20 WHEREAS, Montel Williams has served as a PPA spokesperson
21 since January 2006; as part of his volunteer work for the
22 partnership, he has appeared in public service announcements and
23 frequently joins the "Help is Here Express" bus tours that
24 publicize the group's mission; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams is also prominent in other
2 philanthropic and civic initiatives and is the driving force behind
3 the Montel Williams MS Foundation, which provides research funding
4 and raises national awareness about multiple sclerosis, a disease
5 from which Mr. Williams himself suffers; the principle of serving
6 others has been reflected in his professional accomplishments, as
7 well; as a talk-show host and author, he has treated important civic
8 and social issues in a thorough and thoughtful manner and has earned
9 a number of prestigious awards, including an Emmy; before beginning
10 his media career, he served his country as a member of the Marines
11 and as a decorated Naval intelligence officer; and

12 WHEREAS, Providing better access to prescription medicines
13 is an urgent issue in Texas, where more than five million people
14 lack health insurance; the Partnership for Prescription Assistance
15 is a crucial resource for these at-risk individuals, and it is an
16 honor to pay tribute to Montel Williams for devoting his talents to
17 this worthy organization; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
19 Legislature hereby honor Montel Williams for serving as national
20 spokesperson for the Partnership for Prescription Assistance and
21 extend to him best wishes for success in this important work; and,
22 be it further

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