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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The East Texas African American History Celebration
2 is taking place on February 25, 2007, at the Jarvis Christian
3 College Chapel in Hawkins; and

4 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Eastside Church of Christ in
5 Hawkins, this East Texas gathering is part of the congregation's
6 ongoing efforts to honor African American heritage and culture; the
7 event coincides with the nationwide celebration of Black History
8 Month and explores the 2007 national theme, "From Slavery to
9 Freedom: Africans in the Americas"; and

10 WHEREAS, The East Texas African American History Celebration
11 features public speakers addressing this topic and highlighting the
12 many accomplishments that black Americans have made to the
13 development of the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Dramatic presentations and music will also be an
15 exciting part of the festivities, including performances by Shades
16 of Blackness, the John Tyler High School Choir, the Stephen F.
17 Austin State University Ensemble, the Jarvis Christian College
18 Choir, and the Swan Ensemble; and

19 WHEREAS, Serving as an uplifting and fun-filled experience
20 for people of all ages, the East Texas African American History
21 Celebration promotes a deeper understanding of the struggles and
22 achievements of the nation's black citizens and, in so doing,
23 fosters greater unity among the residents of East Texas; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize the East Texas African American
3 History Celebration in Hawkins and extend best wishes to the
4 participants for an enjoyable and inspiring gathering; and, be it
5 further

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