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H.R. No. 498

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The A. Philip Randolph Institute is holding its
2 Texas state convention in Houston from March 30 to April 1, 2007,
3 and this year's theme is, "Be the change you want to see, The power
4 in me"; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded by labor organizers and civil rights
6 activists A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin in 1965, APRI
7 advocates for racial equality and economic justice in behalf of
8 African American workers; through its initiative, Black-Labor
9 Alliance, APRI works to build support for trade unions within black
10 communities and to communicate the needs and concerns of these
11 communities to labor groups; ably led by Clara Caldwell, the
12 institute boasts more than 150 chapters in 36 states; and

13 WHEREAS, The three-day state convention will feature panel
14 discussions, workshops, speeches and appearances by distinguished
15 guests, and entertainment by Fred Rusk and the Zydeco Hi-Steppers;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, A testament to the lives of Mr. Randolph and Mr.
18 Rustin, APRI continues to fight for fair and equitable treatment in
19 the workplace and beyond, and its significant endeavors indeed
20 effect powerful change; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize the A. Philip Randolph Institute on
23 the occasion of its Texas state convention and extend sincere best
24 wishes for a successful event to all those involved; and, be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for the A. Philip Randolph Institute as an expression of
4 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.