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H.R. No. 640

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Prince Complex youth and senior organization has  
2 broken ground for a new \$1.2 million community center to better  
3 serve the citizens of Houston's Fifth Ward; and

4           WHEREAS, Founded in 1998 by Rap-a-Lot Records CEO James  
5 Prince and run by Executive Director Reverend Herb Shook, Prince  
6 Complex offers athletics, recreation, and academic enrichment  
7 programs for both young people and seniors in the community;  
8 currently 6,000 youths and seniors are participating; and

9           WHEREAS, The boxing program provides training and supervised  
10 competitions for young men from 7 to 17 years old; a fully equipped  
11 basketball gym is open after school, five days a week; a senior  
12 fitness and walking club meets twice a week, with a continental  
13 breakfast and a speaker program; and

14           WHEREAS, Prince Complex's academic enrichment program  
15 includes an after-school program that provides homework assistance  
16 and training in study skills for students; and

17           WHEREAS, The 11,000-square-foot new addition will feature a  
18 library, classrooms, a food pantry, and a state-of-the-art computer  
19 lab with 30 computers donated by the Houston Area Urban League;  
20 additionally, a medical clinic will provide immunizations and flu  
21 shots, and HIV awareness and prevention will be promoted; and

22           WHEREAS, All those associated with the Prince Complex are  
23 providing an invaluable service to their community through their  
24 education, fitness, and computer literacy programs, and the

1 impressive center addition will help bring even more opportunities  
2 to the Fifth Ward; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate James Prince, the Reverend Herb  
5 Shook, and the staff of the Prince Complex on breaking ground for  
6 the new addition to their community center and extend best wishes to  
7 them for their continued success; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for the staff of the Prince Complex as an expression of  
10 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.