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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Association of Black Psychologists is holding

its 39th Annual International Convention in Houston on August 1-5,

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WHEREAS, Founded in San Francisco in 1968 by African American

5 psychologists from across the nation, ABPsi is a charitable and

educational organization of 1,400 mental health professionals of

7 African descent; and

8 WHEREAS, Utilizing their skills and training to effect social

change, the members of ABPsi work to enhance the psychological

well-being of African Americans, to promote relevant research, and

to develop an approach to psychology consistent with the experience

12 of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, The organization further works to support African

American psychologists and students of psychology and to influence

mental health policy on the local, state, and national level; and

16 WHEREAS, In the interest of providing culturally relevant

mental health care in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, ABPsi

compiled a directory of mental health care volunteers; it also made

available to mental health professionals a document outlining

service guidelines for treating African American survivors of the

21 hurricane; and

22 WHEREAS, The annual convention in Houston will include the

23 3rd APBsi International Congress on Licensure, Certification, and

24 Proficiency in Black Psychology, as well as the presentation of the

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- organization's awards for scholarship and community service; and
- 2 WHEREAS, The Association of Black Psychologists has provided
- 3 a voice and meeting ground for African American mental health
- 4 professionals and has rendered exemplary service to both its
- 5 members and to the greater African American community; now,
- 6 therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 8 Legislature hereby commend the members of the Association of Black
- 9 Psychologists on their invaluable contributions to the mental
- 10 health profession and extend to all those who attend the 39th ABPsi
- 11 Annual International Convention best wishes for an informative and
- 12 enjoyable stay in Houston; and, be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
- 15 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1631 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House