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H.R. No. 1631

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Association of Black Psychologists is holding  
2 its 39th Annual International Convention in Houston on August 1-5,  
3 2007; and

4           WHEREAS, Founded in San Francisco in 1968 by African American  
5 psychologists from across the nation, ABPsi is a charitable and  
6 educational organization of 1,400 mental health professionals of  
7 African descent; and

8           WHEREAS, Utilizing their skills and training to effect social  
9 change, the members of ABPsi work to enhance the psychological  
10 well-being of African Americans, to promote relevant research, and  
11 to develop an approach to psychology consistent with the experience  
12 of African Americans; and

13           WHEREAS, The organization further works to support African  
14 American psychologists and students of psychology and to influence  
15 mental health policy on the local, state, and national level; and

16           WHEREAS, In the interest of providing culturally relevant  
17 mental health care in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, ABPsi  
18 compiled a directory of mental health care volunteers; it also made  
19 available to mental health professionals a document outlining  
20 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

1 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.