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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Reverend Wendell Blair, Sr., of Dallas has been 2 named a winner of the 2007 Outstanding Texan Award in the category 3 of pastors by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus; and

WHEREAS, Outstanding Texans are honored for the positive impact they make in their communities, and the dedicated service that Reverend Blair has provided as a clergyman has greatly enhanced the lives of many individuals in the Dallas area; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Booker T. Washington High School, Reverend Blair enrolled in Bible school at Southern Bible Institute; he also continued his studies at the Dallas Theological Seminary and received an honorary doctorate degree from Reed Christian College and Seminary of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, For 36 years, Reverend Blair has led the congregation at True Vine of Holiness Missionary Baptist Church; in addition, he has been a vital presence in several religious organizations in his community, including serving as moderator of the True Fellowship Missionary District Association and chair of the steering committee for the D. Edwin Johnson Bible Institute; he also is a member of several local, regional, and national Baptist and interfaith groups; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Blair stands as an inspiring example of how one person can better a community through professional and civic dedication, and the Outstanding Texan commendation is a fitting recognition of his exemplary achievements; now, therefore, be it

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- 1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 2 Legislature hereby congratulate the Reverend Wendell Blair, Sr.,
- 3 for receiving a 2007 Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas
- 4 Legislative Black Caucus and extend to him best wishes for further
- 5 success; and, be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 7 prepared for Reverend Blair as an expression of high regard by the
- 8 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1641 was adopted by the House on April 24, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House