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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas visit of Marva Smith Battle-Bey, president  
2 of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, presented a fitting  
3 opportunity to recognize this dynamic civic leader; and

4           WHEREAS, Trained as an urban and regional planner, Ms.  
5 Battle-Bey has guided the Vermont Slauson Economic Development  
6 Corporation in Los Angeles for the past 25 years, serving as its  
7 executive director from 1981 to 1990 and since then as president and  
8 CEO; she has also served as an associate economist in the Los  
9 Angeles Mayor's Office of Economic Development, as a lecturer at  
10 Loyola Marymount University, the University of Southern  
11 California, and UCLA, and as a lecturer and trainer for the Southern  
12 Christian Leadership Conference and the California Community  
13 Economic Development Association; and

14           WHEREAS, A board member of the National Coalition of 100  
15 Black Women since 1997 and a former president of the group's Los  
16 Angeles chapter, Ms. Battle-Bey has also contributed her time and  
17 expertise to a host of other vital organizations, including the  
18 City of Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, Women of Los  
19 Angeles, and the Black Women's Network, to name but a few; active in  
20 a number of professional groups, she has chaired the California  
21 Community Economic Development Association since 1994 and the  
22 National Congress for Community Economic Development since 2002,  
23 and she has served as vice chair of the National Community  
24 Reinvestment Coalition since 2003; and

1           WHEREAS, Ms. Battle-Bey earned a bachelor's degree from  
2 Michigan State University and master's degrees in urban and  
3 regional planning and public administration from USC, where she  
4 also pursued doctoral studies; in addition, she is an alumna of the  
5 Excellence Leadership Program hosted by the John F. Kennedy School  
6 of Government at Harvard University; and

7           WHEREAS, Her many accolades include the 2006 Paul Davidoff  
8 National Award for Social Advocacy, given by the American Planning  
9 Association, and the 2006 Friends of Los Angeles Neighborhood  
10 Housing Services Award; she has been named by the *Los Angeles Times*  
11 as one of 103 Influential African Americans Who Make a Difference,  
12 by *CYE International Magazine* as one of 8 Faces to Watch in the New  
13 Millennium, and by *Focus Magazine* as one of the 10 Most Powerful  
14 African American Women in Los Angeles; and

15           WHEREAS, Marva Smith Battle-Bey inspires all who know her  
16 through her dedication to encouraging leadership in African  
17 American women and to building stronger, healthier communities;  
18 now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby recognize the Texas visit of Marva Smith  
21 Battle-Bey and commend her on her many achievements; and, be it  
22 further

23           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for Ms. Battle-Bey as an expression of high regard by the  
25 Texas House of Representatives.