R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, The 90th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed a

2 joyous occasion, and on November 28, 2006, the Reverend Claude

3 William Black, Jr., celebrated this special milestone in his life;

4 and

5   WHEREAS, Born in San Antonio in 1916, Reverend Black attended

6 Morehouse College and Andover Newton Theological School; he served

7 as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Massachusetts and St.

8 Matthew Baptist Church in Corpus Christi before joining Mt. Zion

9 First Baptist Church in San Antonio in 1949; he remained at the helm

10 of Mt. Zion for nearly 50 years; and

11   WHEREAS, An inspiring leader both in and out of the pulpit,

12 Reverend Black advocated for equal treatment of minorities during

13 the 1950s and 1960s, organizing and leading civil rights marches

14 throughout the state; in 1973, he was elected to the San Antonio

15 City Council, on which he served four terms and became the first

16 black mayor pro tem; moreover, he founded the city's first credit

17 union for African Americans and served as president of the Baptist

18 Ministers Union of San Antonio; and

19   WHEREAS, Reverend Black's efforts in behalf of the city of

20 San Antonio, his steadfast faith, and his commitment to his fellow

21 Texans have earned him the lasting respect of countless

22 individuals, and it is a pleasure to honor him for nine decades of a

23 life well lived; now, therefore, be it

24   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

1 Legislature hereby congratulate the Reverend Claude William Black,

2 Jr., on his 90th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for

3 the future; and, be it further

4   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

5 prepared for Reverend Black as an expression of high regard by the

6 Texas House of Representatives.

McClendon

H.R. No. 2121

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2121 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House