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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The San Antonio Branch of the NAACP hosted its
2 annual Jubilee Service and Dinner on January 25, 2009, and the
3 occasion offered a welcome opportunity to pay tribute to Marvinette
4 Smith, the newly elected president of the organization, as well as
5 the officers that will serve alongside Mrs. Smith from 2009 to 2011;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, A retired caseworker with the Texas Department of
8 Human Resources, Mrs. Smith brings to her post a broad range of
9 experience; her work in the NAACP has included service as a local
10 and state chair for the group Women in the NAACP, and she has held
11 prominent positions in numerous other organizations, including the
12 San Antonio Chapter of the Top Ladies of Distinction, the Woman's
13 Club of San Antonio, Fiesta San Antonio, and Queen of Soul; and

14 WHEREAS, This dedicated community leader has placed a
15 particular emphasis on mentoring young people to prepare them for
16 the challenges and opportunities of the future; a Girl Scout
17 coleader and a longtime volunteer with the Boys and Girls Clubs of
18 San Antonio, she has also helped direct the national Assault on
19 Illiteracy program sponsored by the Top Ladies of Distinction and
20 has spent countless hours tutoring at-risk students in San Antonio;
21 moreover, she is renowned for her work in helping young women to
22 develop the poise and self-assurance they need to achieve their
23 goals; Mrs. Smith has carried out that mission as president of the
24 Van Courtlandt Social Club and in her roles as secretary and board

1 member for the Cherice Cochran Mentoring for Success Foundation;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Not surprisingly, Mrs. Smith's many charitable
4 endeavors have been recognized with a number of honors, including
5 the 2005 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Retired Senior
6 Volunteer Program, a Girl Scout Outstanding Leader commendation,
7 and nominations for a United Way Jefferson Award and for induction
8 into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame; and

9 WHEREAS, Joining Mrs. Smith in leading the San Antonio Branch
10 of the NAACP in the next two years are a distinguished group of
11 officers: first vice president Horace Brown, second vice president
12 William B. Johnson, Sr., third vice president Gloria Chandler,
13 secretary Maria Greene, assistant secretary Mentoria Sherfield,
14 treasurer August Johnson, and assistant treasurer Johnnie Merry
15 Thompson; and

16 WHEREAS, Together, these accomplished individuals will
17 provide assured guidance to the San Antonio Branch of the NAACP, and
18 their efforts will further the organization's admirable record of
19 achievement; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate president Marvinette Smith and the
22 newly selected officers of the San Antonio Branch of the NAACP; and,
23 be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Mrs. Smith and the 2009-2011 NAACP officers as an
26 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.