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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Build San Antonio Green has been named a Local Green
2 Home Building Program of the Year for 2009 by the National
3 Association of Home Builders; and

4 WHEREAS, Each year during its National Green Building
5 Conference, the NAHB recognizes companies, organizations, and
6 individuals for their leadership and for setting practical examples
7 of environmentally responsible construction for others in the
8 industry; Build San Antonio Green was one of just two recipients in
9 the nation of the Local Green Home Building Program of the Year
10 award; and

11 WHEREAS, Build San Antonio Green was established in 2002 by
12 the Metropolitan Partnership for Energy to create awareness and
13 interest among builders and homeowners in resource-efficient
14 building methods, materials, and technologies; the residential
15 green building program focuses on such factors as energy
16 efficiency, water conservation, and indoor air quality, and it
17 includes and promotes San Antonio Water System and CPS Energy
18 rebates, as well as other related incentives; and

19 WHEREAS, Through a quality review process, new and remodeled
20 homes are certified green under the BSAG program when they comply
21 with a detailed checklist of specifications; builders entering the
22 program receive ongoing training in green building techniques and
23 attend continuing education classes; the program, co-administered
24 by the Greater San Antonio Builders Association, provides each

1 green home with a certification showing its scoring and with an
2 operating manual for the owner; and

3 WHEREAS, The program is based on such common construction
4 methods as stick frame building, and the requirements are geared to
5 be attainable by homes in the average price range; more than 250
6 homes have been certified to date, and BSAG estimates that their
7 energy efficiency eliminates more than 1.3 million pounds of carbon
8 dioxide emissions and saves approximately 1.5 million
9 kilowatt-hours of energy per year; the Texas Commission on
10 Environmental Quality has recognized BSAG with its Texas
11 Environmental Excellence Award; and

12 WHEREAS, In the context of a growing population, increasing
13 pollution, and reduced energy security, the sound policies
14 encouraged by Build San Antonio Green are vitally important, and
15 the success of this program is improving the quality of life in the
16 area and setting a noteworthy example for other communities across
17 the country; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Build San Antonio Green on being
20 named a 2009 Local Green Home Building Program of the Year by the
21 National Association of Home Builders and commend all those
22 associated with the program on their outstanding efforts; and, be
23 it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
26 Texas House of Representatives.