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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Governor Dolph Briscoe, Jr., is being honored with
2 the 2009 Pathfinder Award by the Greater San Antonio Chamber of
3 Commerce, in recognition of his extraordinary record of
4 philanthropy and community service in the Alamo City; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Uvalde in 1923, Dolph Briscoe has achieved a
6 distinguished career in both the public and private arenas; this
7 esteemed Texan served as a member of the Texas Legislature from 1949
8 to 1957 and as governor of Texas from 1973 to 1979; he and his wife,
9 Janey Slaughter Briscoe, an eminent civic leader in her own right,
10 shared a devoted union of nearly 58 years, until her passing in
11 2000; and

12 WHEREAS, One of the greatest beneficiaries of Governor
13 Briscoe's generosity has been The University of Texas Health
14 Science Center at San Antonio, which from its beginning has enjoyed
15 his and his family's staunch support; during the past decade,
16 Governor Briscoe has donated more than \$4 million to the health
17 science center to establish the world-class Janey Briscoe Center of
18 Excellence in Cardiovascular Research and the Janey Briscoe
19 Distinguished University Chair in Cardiovascular Research; and

20 WHEREAS, The health science center honored Governor Briscoe
21 in 2008 with the creation of the Briscoe Family Legacy Fund in
22 Women's Health in the School of Medicine; at the gala honoring
23 Governor Briscoe and celebrating the establishment of the fund,
24 Governor Briscoe announced that he and his family were giving the

1 center \$5 million in support of cardiology and women's health; the
2 university has expressed its appreciation by naming the Division of
3 Cardiology in the medical school after Janey and Dolph Briscoe; and

4 WHEREAS, Among Governor Briscoe's other contributions to the
5 center have been the establishment of the Janey Briscoe Endowed
6 Scholarship in Nursing and the raising of \$12 million in just seven
7 months to help create the South Texas Centers for Biology in
8 Medicine, for which ground breaking was held in 1998; the library on
9 the UTHSC campus bears Governor Briscoe's name, in gratitude for
10 his outstanding generosity, and the Children's Center of University
11 Hospital is named for Janey Briscoe, in appreciation of her
12 lifetime of service to children; and

13 WHEREAS, Governor Briscoe has also taken a keen interest in
14 The University of Texas at San Antonio, where his long record of
15 support includes service as a member of the UTSA development board
16 and President's Associates, the co-chairing, with his wife, of the
17 school's Engineering and Biotech Initiative, and the establishment
18 of the Janey S. Briscoe Endowed Chair in the Business of Health; and

19 WHEREAS, Cultural institutions have enjoyed Governor
20 Briscoe's generous patronage as well; his gift of \$4 million has
21 laid the foundation for the Dolph and Janey Briscoe Western Art
22 Museum, which is being built in the heart of downtown San Antonio,
23 while at the Witte Museum, his donation of \$500,000 helped to mount
24 a stunning exhibition about South Texas; he has also helped lead the
25 campaign to create the South Texas Heritage Center on the Witte
26 campus; and

27 WHEREAS, Over the years, Governor Briscoe's deep interest in

1 the welfare of San Antonio citizens has been manifested through his
2 involvement with such institutions as the Southwest Mental Health
3 Center, United Way, San Antonio Advocacy Council, and Greater San
4 Antonio Chamber of Commerce; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to his most recent accolade, Governor
6 Briscoe has been recognized in San Antonio with the Frost Award from
7 UTSA and the naming of a middle school in his honor; and

8 WHEREAS, Governor Briscoe's three children, Janey Briscoe
9 Marmion, Dolph Briscoe III, and Cele Briscoe Carpenter, have
10 supported their father in his charitable endeavors; and

11 WHEREAS, Through his far-reaching generosity, Governor Dolph
12 Briscoe, Jr., has advanced the development of medical, educational,
13 and cultural institutions in San Antonio and helped to secure a
14 brighter, more promising future for countless Texans; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Governor Dolph Briscoe, Jr., on his
18 receipt of the 2009 Pathfinder Award from the Greater San Antonio
19 Chamber of Commerce and extend to him profound appreciation for a
20 lifetime of illustrious service in behalf of the Lone Star State;
21 and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Governor Briscoe as an expression of high regard by the
24 Texas House of Representatives.