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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Eight accomplished public servants are being  
2 honored by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus on February 28 as  
3 recipients of a 2011 Trailblazer Award; and

4           WHEREAS, This notable accolade is given to individuals who  
5 ably served the citizens of this state as members of the Texas House  
6 and who also shared their valuable insight and wisdom through their  
7 participation in the Texas Legislative Black Caucus; this year's  
8 outstanding honorees include former state representatives Fred  
9 Blair (1987-1993), Lanell Cofer (1977-1983), Zan W. Holmes, Jr.  
10 (1968-1973), Samuel Hudson III (1973-1997), Jesse Jones  
11 (1993-2007), Jerald H. Larry (1987-1993), Jesse D. Oliver  
12 (1983-1987), and Paul Ragsdale (1973-1987); and

13           WHEREAS, Among this distinguished roster of state  
14 legislators are the Honorable Samuel Hudson and the Honorable Paul  
15 Ragsdale who, together with the Honorable Senfronia Thompson, Eddie  
16 Bernice Johnson, Anthony Hall, Mickey Leland, Craig Washington, and  
17 G. J. Sutton, formed the Texas Legislative Black Caucus in 1973 as  
18 a means by which to address issues faced by African Americans across  
19 the Lone Star State; and

20           WHEREAS, Over the course of their exemplary tenure in state  
21 government, each of the 2011 Trailblazers made many significant  
22 contributions to the betterment of life in their communities and  
23 beyond, and they opened doors of opportunity and empowered  
24 countless people through their commitment toward achieving the goal

1 of a more just and equitable society; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Fred Blair, Lanell Cofer, Zan  
4 W. Holmes, Jr., Samuel Hudson III, Jesse Jones, Jerald H. Larry,  
5 Jesse D. Oliver, and Paul Ragsdale on their receipt of a 2011  
6 Trailblazer Award from the Texas Legislative Black Caucus and  
7 commend these inspiring leaders for the profound difference they  
8 have made in the lives of their fellow Texans; and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for the honorees as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.