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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The San Antonio Youth Council of the NAACP is
2 hosting its 12th annual Youth Image Awards Banquet on April 2, 2011,
3 and this event provides an ideal opportunity to honor this
4 noteworthy organization; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1935, Juanita Jackson, a youth delegate to the
6 NAACP convention in St. Louis, delivered a stirring address calling
7 for the creation of a department for young people; she was asked to
8 join the association's staff and guided the formation of its Youth
9 and College Division, a national program supporting the NAACP's
10 fight for equality and justice; members of the division went on to
11 play important roles in the civil rights movement, and many became
12 leaders in the organization, their communities, and the nation; and

13 WHEREAS, The NAACP today has one of the largest organized
14 groups of young people of any secular organization in the country;
15 in high school and college chapters and in youth councils, more than
16 30,000 members work to advance social justice by addressing issues
17 at the local and national levels, including education, economic
18 opportunity, health, juvenile justice, and voter empowerment;
19 youth council members develop an awareness of problems affecting
20 African Americans and other racial and ethnic minorities, learn how
21 to advance harmonious cooperation among peoples, and participate in
22 leadership and activism training; in recent years, the San Antonio
23 Youth Council has benefited the community through such projects as
24 collecting food bank contributions and gathering and donating books

1 to students in the "Reading is Power" campaign; and

2 WHEREAS, In order to meet the challenges that lie ahead, the
3 Lone Star State will need new leaders who are dedicated to building
4 a bright future for all its citizens, and through their commitment
5 to the goals of the NAACP, the members of the San Antonio Youth
6 Council have demonstrated an admirable willingness to step forward
7 and take on important civic responsibilities; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature hereby commend the San Antonio Youth Council of the
10 NAACP on its 12th annual Youth Image Awards Banquet and extend to
11 its members sincere best wishes for continued success in their many
12 worthy endeavors; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the council as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.