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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On May 13, 2011, James N. Austin, Jr., of Fort Worth
2 is celebrating his 60th birthday and 30th year in the real estate
3 industry at a roast benefiting the National Multicultural Western
4 Heritage Museum; and

5 WHEREAS, Jim Austin graduated from Howard University in 1976;
6 he founded Austin Company Commercial Real Estate just five years
7 later, and Jim Austin Online in 2008; considered an expert in the
8 commercial real estate field, he has moved from the standard sales
9 and leasing work into appraisals and auction management; he served
10 on the Texas Real Estate Commission for eight years and has also
11 been an active member on a number of other noteworthy boards and
12 commissions, including several appointed by the courts and
13 sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation; he is a past
14 president of the Commercial Investment Division of the Greater Fort
15 Worth Association of Realtors; and

16 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan cofounded the Renaissance
17 Cultural Center in 1991 to provide programs that encourage pride,
18 cultural diversity, and the pursuit of higher education; he has led
19 fund-raising efforts for the center's scholarship program, which
20 has awarded more than \$400,000 to Tarrant County high school
21 seniors over the past 15 years; together with his wife, Gloria Reed
22 Austin, he established the National Multicultural Western Heritage
23 Museum, which highlights the achievements of minorities; and

24 WHEREAS, Taking on numerous leadership roles, Mr. Austin has

1 served on the boards of Harris Methodist Health Foundation, Tarrant
2 County 9-1-1, the Tarrant County Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday
3 Committee, and the American Paint Horse Foundation, among other
4 organizations; he is a member of the Downtown Fort Worth
5 International Rotary Club, the Citizens Crime Commission, and Kappa
6 Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated; in 2003, *Realtor Magazine*
7 recognized Mr. Austin for his community service with its Good
8 Neighbor Award, and he is also the recipient of such well-deserved
9 accolades as the Quest for Success Award and the Metroplex Black
10 Image Award; and

11 WHEREAS, Jim Austin has distinguished himself in his
12 profession and has greatly benefited his community through his
13 endeavors, and it is indeed fitting to recognize his contributions
14 as he marks a memorable milestone in his life; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate James N. Austin, Jr., on the
17 occasion of his 60th birthday and recognize him for his
18 distinguished career and community service; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mr. Austin as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.