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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Marvin E. Robinson, chair emeritus of the
2 Dallas Black Dance Theatre Board of Directors, is being honored by
3 that notable organization on February 17, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Robinson served as chair of the board from 1994
5 to 2011, and during that time, he was instrumental in the growth and
6 success of DBDT; now in its 36th season, DBDT is based in the Dallas
7 Arts District at the AT&T Arts Center's Dee and Charles Wylie Theatre
8 and its five performing companies tour the country and the world;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, A graduate of Southern University and the Howard
11 University School of Law, Dr. Robinson has excelled in a number of
12 fields; he helped develop a business magnet high school in Dallas in
13 the 1970s and served as its first director, and later at the Xerox
14 Corporation, he was a national manager and assistant to the
15 president of community affairs; his achievements with the company
16 include the creation of a community involvement program that
17 established Xerox as a model corporate citizen in Dallas; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Robinson went on to pursue entrepreneurship as
19 the owner and operator of a Burger King franchise from 1985 to 1988;
20 he subsequently accepted a position as president of Accommodations,
21 Inc., a concessions management company, and since 1995, he has been
22 the sole owner of the business; and

23 WHEREAS, Along the way, Dr. Robinson has shared his time and
24 resources with numerous groups, among them the Dallas Park and

1 Recreation Department, the Salvation Army, the YMCA, the NAACP, the
2 Rainbow PUSH Coalition, and the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce,
3 which he served as president; he has further distinguished himself
4 as a dedicated patron of the arts and has served as a member of the
5 board of the AT&T Performing Arts Center; and

6 WHEREAS, This accomplished leader has been recognized with
7 many accolades through the years; he is the recipient of the UNCF
8 Meritorious Service Award, the Dallas Historical Society's Award
9 for Excellence in Community Service, and the Business Council for
10 the Arts Obelisk Award for Arts Leadership, to name but a few; and

11 WHEREAS, Through his expertise and commitment, Marvin
12 Robinson has contributed greatly to the exceptional work of the
13 Dallas Black Dance Theatre, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring
14 him for his outstanding involvement; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
16 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Marvin E. Robinson for his efforts in
17 behalf of the Dallas Black Dance Theatre and extend to him sincere
18 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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