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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Roland Martin was named Journalist of the Year by
2 the National Association of Black Journalists; and

3 WHEREAS, The NABJ Journalist of the Year award is one of the
4 most coveted honors celebrating the accomplishments of black
5 journalists and those who support African Americans in the media;
6 in recognizing Mr. Martin as this year's recipient, the NABJ Board
7 of Directors noted his important coverage of voter suppression and
8 other critical issues facing voters in the 2012 election, in
9 addition to his reputation as a respected and trusted voice in
10 print, on air, and online; and

11 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mr. Martin is a 1987 graduate of the
12 Magnet School of Communications at Jack Yates High School in
13 Houston; he received his bachelor's degree in journalism from Texas
14 A&M University in 1991, and he earned a master's degree in Christian
15 communications from Louisiana Baptist University in 2008; and

16 WHEREAS, Over the course of his dynamic and varied career,
17 Mr. Martin has worked as a city hall reporter for the *Fort Worth*
18 *Star-Telegram*, and he has served as editor for several newspapers,
19 magazines, and websites, including the historic black newspaper the
20 *Chicago Defender*, the *Houston Defender*, *Dallas Weekly*, *Savoy*
21 magazine, and BlackAmericaWeb.com; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin is the author of three books, and he is a
23 nationally syndicated columnist and radio and television
24 commentator; a senior analyst for *The Tom Joyner Morning Show*, he is

1 currently the managing editor and host of *Washington Watch with*
2 *Roland Martin*, a Sunday morning news program on the TV One Cable
3 Network; he previously served as an analyst at CNN, where he was a
4 member of the political team that won a Peabody Award for its
5 outstanding 2008 election coverage; and

6 WHEREAS, This accomplished man has twice won the NAACP Image
7 Award for Best Interview, and *Ebony* magazine named him one of the
8 150 Most Influential African Americans in 2008, 2009, and 2010;
9 among his many other recognitions are a regional Edward R. Murrow
10 Award from the Radio Television News Directors and top reporting
11 honors from the National Association of Minorities in Cable, and he
12 was inducted into the Texas A&M University Journalism Hall of
13 Honor; and

14 WHEREAS, Roland Martin has earned the respect and admiration
15 of his peers for his outstanding dedication to his craft, and his
16 unique insights on current events continue to contribute to the
17 education and enlightenment of the American public; now, therefore,
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Roland Martin on being named
21 Journalist of the Year by the National Association of Black
22 Journalists and extend to him best wishes for continued success;
23 and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Mr. Martin as an expression of high regard by the Texas
26 House of Representatives.