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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Entrepreneur and hip-hop pioneer James Prince has
2 been named an Outstanding Texan by the Texas Legislative Black
3 Caucus; and

4 WHEREAS, Known as "J. Prince," this esteemed Texan founded
5 Rap-A-Lot, a prolific Houston-based record label, partly as a way
6 of keeping teenagers in the Fifth Ward in school and off the
7 streets; since its inception in 1986, the label has produced more
8 than two dozen gold and platinum albums by such artists as the Geto
9 Boys, Scarface, Do or Die, and Big Mike; Mr. Prince continues to
10 serve as the label's chief executive officer; and

11 WHEREAS, In addition to building a hip-hop empire, Mr. Prince
12 has pursued a number of other business ventures, establishing the
13 real estate companies Lease-A-Lot and On Time and the Prince Estate
14 ranch; he also manages a wide range of professional boxers through
15 Prince Boxing Enterprise; and

16 WHEREAS, James Prince's name has become a byword for
17 generosity in the Bayou City; for many years, he has given away toys
18 at Christmas, turkeys at Thanksgiving, and school supplies and
19 uniforms at the beginning of the academic year; he has also donated
20 generators during storms and air conditioners to senior citizens
21 during the summer months, and in the aftermath of Hurricane
22 Katrina, he provided housing for hundreds of evacuees; moreover, he
23 has created the Betty "MoMo" Washington Chatman Scholarship Fund
24 and the Prince Complex, a nonprofit that provides athletic,

1 recreational, and academic programs for local youth; and

2 WHEREAS, Among the accolades conferred on this esteemed
3 entrepreneur and philanthropist have been a Source Hip Hop Image
4 Award and the proclamation of James Prince Day by the Houston City
5 Council; in 2016, he was a keynote speaker at the South by Southwest
6 festival; and

7 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State benefits each day from the
8 contributions of civic leaders who improve the quality of life in
9 their communities, and the Houston area is indeed fortunate to have
10 passionate and engaged residents like James Prince; now, therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate James Prince on his receipt of an
14 Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative Black Caucus and
15 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
16 further

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