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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas chapters of 100 Black Men of
2 America are gathering at the State Capitol in Austin on April 19,
3 2017, and their visit offers a fitting opportunity to celebrate the
4 work being done by this outstanding organization; and

5 WHEREAS, 100 Black Men of America was founded in New York City
6 in 1963, when a group of visionary leaders in business, politics,
7 and other fields came together to explore ways of improving the
8 quality of life in the African American community; today, the
9 organization numbers more than 90 chapters and over 10,000 members
10 nationwide; guided by the motto "What They See Is What They'll Be,"
11 these accomplished individuals are presently enhancing the
12 educational and economic opportunities available to over 125,000
13 minority youth; and

14 WHEREAS, Based upon the four pillars of mentoring, education,
15 health and wellness, and economic development, the organization's
16 programs seek to address the emotional and cultural needs of
17 African American children, provide volunteer support to schools and
18 educators, advocate on behalf of equal access to education, promote
19 physical fitness and healthy eating habits, and empower African
20 American individuals and enterprises through training in financial
21 literacy and networking; and

22 WHEREAS, Contributing to the advancement of this vital
23 mission are the members of 100 Black Men of America who are active
24 in the organization's Texas chapters, which represent Austin,

1 Greater Beaumont, Greater Dallas, Greater Houston, San Antonio, and
2 West Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, For more than half a century, the members of 100
4 Black Men of America have helped to set countless young people on
5 the path to a brighter future, and they are indeed deserving of
6 commendation for their myriad good works; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor 100 Black Men of America for its long
9 history of service to African American youth and extend to the
10 visiting Texas members sincere best wishes for a meaningful and
11 memorable stay in Austin; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
13 for the Texas chapters as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.