

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 631

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Contributing to the advancement of this vital mission are the members of 100 Black Men of America who are active in the organization's Texas chapters, which represent Austin, Greater Beaumont, Greater Dallas, Greater Houston, San Antonio, and West Texas; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be prepared for the Texas chapters as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Miles, West

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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