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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The African American Museum celebrated 25 years in
2 Fair Park in Dallas on January 11, 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1974, Bishop College librarian Dr. Harry
4 Robinson Jr. established the museum in a small room on the second
5 floor of the school's Zale Library; he soon became the director,
6 president, and CEO of the museum, and when the college closed in
7 1988, he found the museum temporary housing at Fair Park; in
8 November 1993, the museum welcomed the public to its new \$5 million,
9 38,000-square-foot Fair Park facility; and

10 WHEREAS, The museum has hosted numerous exhibits, including
11 the revamped national tour of the groundbreaking "Slavery at
12 Jefferson's Monticello: Paradox of Liberty"; over the years, the
13 institution has also sponsored a wealth of special educational
14 programs for people of all ages and ethnicities; and

15 WHEREAS, For the past quarter century, the African American
16 Museum has drawn visitors to Fair Park, and it is indeed a pleasure
17 to mark this momentous milestone and honor the museum for an even
18 longer record as a dedicated steward of the heritage and culture of
19 the African American community; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate the African American Museum on 25
22 years at Fair Park and extend to all those associated with this
23 noteworthy institution sincere best wishes for continued success;
24 and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for the museum as an expression of high regard by the Texas
3 House of Representatives.