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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Christopher McLeod of Brazoswood High School in

2 Clute has been named the 2023 Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year by

3 the Texas Association of School Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Since 2011, the Texas Teacher of the Year program

has recognized and rewarded faculty members who have demonstrated

6 an outstanding commitment to classroom education and whose efforts

7 and example have inspired their students, their colleagues, and the

8 communities they serve; prior to receiving this distinction,

9 Mr. McLeod was selected as a teacher of the year at the campus,

10 district, and regional levels; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. McLeod teaches 10th-through 12th-grade rocket

engineering at Brazoswood High School as a part of the Brazosport

13 Independent School District's Career and Technical Education

14 program; while fostering the development of engineering skills, he

15 also focuses on encouraging his students to become collaborators

16 and problem solvers; through research, design, and fabrication, his

17 students learn how to build fully functioning rockets, and they

18 have also hosted design meetings with professionals from a number

19 of companies, including Blue Origin, SpaceX, NASA, Dow, and BASF;

20 in addition, members of his Rocketry III class recently set a record

21 with their Goddard Horizon I rocket at a launch in White Sands, New

22 Mexico, which flew more than 45,000 feet; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 11-year career as an educator,

24 Mr. McLeod has taught physics, chemistry, and engineering, as well

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- 1 as student council and teen leadership; he holds a bachelor's
- 2 degree in marine science from Texas A&M University; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Chris McLeod exemplifies the passion,
- 4 determination, and innovative spirit that are the hallmarks of our
- 5 best teachers, and he has set a standard of excellence to which all
- 6 in his profession may aspire; now, therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 8 hereby congratulate Christopher McLeod on his selection as the 2023
- 9 Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year and extend to him sincere best
- 10 wishes for continued success with his important work; and, be it
- 11 further
- 12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 13 prepared for Mr. McLeod as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 14 House of Representatives and Senate.