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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Three students of the Fort Bend Independent School
2 District earned great distinction with their outstanding
3 presentations at the Texas History Day contest, which was held at
4 The University of Texas at Austin on April 15, 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Texas State Historical
6 Association, Texas History Day is a yearlong program that offers
7 students an opportunity to develop research and critical thinking
8 skills while learning more about historical events; individuals
9 participating in the program conduct research on a particular topic
10 and then present their findings through an exhibit, performance,
11 documentary, paper, or website; the theme for the 2023 contest was
12 "Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas"; and

13 WHEREAS, Facing off against regional winners from across the
14 state, Alexandra Hamilton and Danielle Burke of Travis High School
15 won first place in the senior division group website category with
16 their entry titled "A Time for Greatness: JFK's New Frontier and a
17 Revitalized America"; throughout the year, they benefited from the
18 support of their teacher, David Householder; the pair will travel
19 to the University of Maryland at College Park to participate in the
20 National History Day competition from June 11 to 15, and they will
21 be accompanied by FBISD staff members Matt Lyons, tech integration
22 specialist, as well as Jennifer Chadwick, director of
23 social-emotional learning & enrichment programs; and

24 WHEREAS, Gautham Venkataraman, a student of the Gifted and

1 Talented Academy at Quail Valley Middle School, distinguished
2 himself by winning first place in the junior division individual
3 documentary category with his entry, "Fritz Haber: The Good, The
4 Bad, The Ugly"; throughout the year, he has benefited from the
5 guidance of his teacher, Lawrence Duvernay; and

6 WHEREAS, With their fine showing at the Texas History Day
7 competition, these talented young Texans have brought tremendous
8 pride to their schools and their communities, and they are indeed
9 deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Alexandra Hamilton, Danielle
12 Burke, and Gautham Venkataraman on their success at the 2023 Texas
13 History Day contest and extend to them sincere best wishes for the
14 future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
16 for the students as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
17 of Representatives.