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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Giovanna Reed, a student at Communications Arts High
2 School in San Antonio, has taken a first-place prize in the 2003
3 World Refugee Day poster competition sponsored by the United
4 Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); and

5 WHEREAS, Now a sophomore, Ms. Reed won in the 9th/10th-grade
6 division of the nationwide contest; her work was chosen from among
7 many entries on the basis of both its artistic skill and its success
8 in conveying the theme "Shared Wishes, Shared Dreams: Refugee
9 Youth and Us"; in her poster, Ms. Reed depicts a dream that would be
10 cherished by people everywhere, a joyful scene reflecting "abundant
11 food, shelter and love of family"; and

12 WHEREAS, On June 20, 2003, Ms. Reed participated in World
13 Refugee Day ceremonies in Washington, D.C., along with the goodwill
14 ambassador of the UNHCR, Angelina Jolie; Ms. Reed's poster was
15 featured in a display at Explorers Hall, the museum of the National
16 Geographic Society, and was subsequently scheduled to be exhibited
17 at various other venues, in order to raise public awareness about
18 the situation of refugees around the globe; and

19 WHEREAS, This outstanding student attributes her interest in
20 world events and her understanding of the international refugee
21 crisis to her teacher Craig Rendon and his world geography class; as
22 a result of her studies, she has gained a new awareness of conflicts
23 in the world and a new appreciation for the impact of history on our
24 lives today; and

1 WHEREAS, Through her art, Giovanna Reed is bringing the
2 plight of refugees to the attention of people across the country,
3 and her desire to assist in the humanitarian cause of refugee
4 advocacy reflects great credit on herself, her family, and her
5 school; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Giovanna Reed on
8 winning a first-place prize in the 2003 World Refugee Day poster
9 contest sponsored by the United Nations High Commissioner for
10 Refugees and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
11 success in all her endeavors; and, be it further

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