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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Abha Bhattarai, a student at John B. Connally High
2 School in Austin, has been selected as one of four runners-up in the
3 national 2004 student Journalist of the Year competition; and

4 WHEREAS, The Journalism Education Association (JEA)
5 recognizes five top high school journalists in the country with
6 these prestigious annual awards; each portfolio is evaluated on
7 quality, scope, and impact in five areas: skilled and creative use
8 of media, inquiring mind and investigative persistence, courageous
9 and responsible handling of sensitive issues, variety of
10 journalistic experience, and sustained and commendable work with
11 community media; and

12 WHEREAS, Editor-in-chief of her high school's newspaper,
13 *Connally Connections*, Ms. Bhattarai has published in the
14 *Pflugerville Pflag*, where she interned for four months, and the
15 *Austin American-Statesman*, where she interned during the summer of
16 2003; her portfolio exhibits a wide variety of topics, ranging from
17 a feature on a teenage race-car driver to an article on shoplifting
18 to a harrowing piece on the fatal heart attack of a fellow student;
19 when the school district's budget was cut, she interviewed her
20 school superintendent and chief financial officer to compile an
21 exclusive story examining the impact of the budget cuts on her
22 school; and

23 WHEREAS, Each of the four JEA award runners-up receives a
24 \$2,000 scholarship to a college of his or her choice to pursue a

1 degree in journalism; Ms. Bhattarai, who already has been accepted
2 at Northwestern University, plans to apply her scholarship funds to
3 her tuition at that prestigious school, where she intends to study
4 print media; and

5 WHEREAS, This talented and dedicated young woman has
6 demonstrated a commitment to excellence that will serve her well in
7 what promises to be an impressive journalistic career, and it is
8 truly a pleasure to honor her at this time; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Abha
11 Bhattarai on her selection as a runner-up in the 2004 student
12 Journalist of the Year competition and extend to her best wishes for
13 continued success; and, be it further

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