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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death
2 for drivers aged 16 to 20, as demonstrated by the deaths of more
3 than 5,000 teenagers nationwide during 2000, and the serious injury
4 of many more teenage drivers and passengers during that time; and

5 WHEREAS, Across Texas and across the United States, research
6 shows that teenage drivers are seven times more likely to be injured
7 or killed in a motor vehicle accident; and

8 WHEREAS, This serious problem is evident in the San Antonio
9 region, where 24 young people were killed in motor vehicle
10 accidents in 2000, with 10 of those deaths occurring in one six-week
11 period; and

12 WHEREAS, The students, faculty, and administration of
13 William Howard Taft High School, in San Antonio's Northside
14 Independent School District, have joined forces with the Texas
15 Department of Transportation and the Texas Transportation
16 Institute to reverse this tragic trend through the development of a
17 unique teen driver awareness program, project Y.I.E.L.D., or Youths
18 Informing Every Living Driver; and

19 WHEREAS, This creative effort is distinguished by its unique
20 peer-to-peer approach and it is the first such program of its kind
21 in Texas; through the actions of its students, faculty, and
22 administration, William Howard Taft High School has demonstrated
23 bold leadership that will undoubtedly save the lives of countless
24 young Texans; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize the students of project Y.I.E.L.D.,
3 along with their state agency partners, for their innovation,
4 dedication, and important contribution to their school, to their
5 community, and to the State of Texas.