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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the 2003 Capitol Scholars Program are
2 visiting the house chamber on March 27, 2003, to be honored for
3 their award-winning entries in the Capitol Scholars Essay Contest;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The group is composed of students from Northbrook
6 High School, Strake Jesuit College Preparatory, St. Agnes Academy,
7 and Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart in Houston who prepared
8 essays exploring one of the following topics: private school
9 vouchers, the top 10 percent rule, public school funding, or the
10 lack of a "life without parole" sentencing option for capital
11 crimes in Texas; and

12 WHEREAS, Selected for their excellent essays as well as for
13 their involvement in extracurricular activities, these students
14 earned the opportunity to come to Austin and meet with a number of
15 public officials, including Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant
16 Governor David Dewhurst, Speaker Tom Craddick, Texas Supreme Court
17 Justice Michael Schneider, Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn,
18 and Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson; and

19 WHEREAS, During their visit, the students are broadening
20 their knowledge of the Lone Star State's storied history and
21 government by taking tours of the Capitol Complex and the Bob
22 Bullock Museum; and

23 WHEREAS, This year's winners of the essay contest are
24 Madeline Tarillion, Julia Gonzalez, Rochelle Mellish, Clint

1 Mendonca, Basel Murad, Jerneice Perelion, Meghan Perley, and Lauren
2 Schell; Pat Waldrop, Jerry Crist, and Barbara Finch are serving as
3 the group's chaperones; and

4 WHEREAS, Through their interest in state government and
5 participation in their community, the members of the scholars group
6 have demonstrated leadership and an understanding of the need for
7 citizen involvement that is certain to serve this state well in
8 years to come; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize the Capitol Scholars group and honor
11 these fine young men and women for a job well done; and, be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the participants and advisors of the Capitol Scholars
15 Program as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
16 Representatives.