

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 951

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Justin Elementary School Aeronautics and Space Administration team for winning the Best Overall award in the Planetary Explorers Design Challenge international competition; and

WHEREAS, The group of eight young scientists, better known as Team JASA, used their ingenuity and creativity to win the award in a contest sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Lockheed Martin Corporation; the contest was initiated to promote interest in engineering and science among elementary and middle school students; and

WHEREAS, Team JASA created JATOM 1, the Justin Fourth Graders Awesome Trip Observing Mars, as their entry; the team designed and built a working model aircraft that could fly on both Earth and Mars; the students spent six months carrying out innumerable investigations, performing over 60 flight tests, and writing and illustrating a fictional story about their spacecraft; and

WHEREAS, On May 1, 2003, Team JASA traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend the national Space Day activities and to accept the award from astronaut John Glenn; and

WHEREAS, By designing and building JATOM 1, the eight members of Team JASA have displayed much talent and creativity, and they and their first-rate project are a source of much pride to their school, community, and state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby extend congratulations to the members of Team JASA for winning the Best Overall award in this prestigious international competition; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of the team as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 22, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate