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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the 2005 Capitol Scholars Program are
2 visiting the house chamber on March 31, 2005, 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 Strake Jesuit
6 College Preparatory and Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart in
7 Houston who prepared essays exploring one of the following topics:
8 the top 10 percent rule, public school funding, or the lack of a
9 "life without parole" sentencing option for capital crimes in
10 Texas; and

11 WHEREAS, Selected for their excellent essays as well as for
12 their involvement in extracurricular activities, these students
13 earned the opportunity to come to Austin and meet with a number of
14 public officials, including Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant
15 Governor David Dewhurst, Speaker Tom Craddick, Criminal Court of
16 Appeals Presiding Judge Sharon Keller, Comptroller Carole Keeton
17 Strayhorn, and Attorney General Greg Abbott; and

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

22 WHEREAS, This year's winners of the essay contest are Stephen
23 Sacra, Maggie Nelson, John Passmore, Madeline Watkins, Kathryn
24 Mains, Gira Desai, Ashleigh Scinta, and John Paul-Cashiola; Kenneth

1 Lojo and Jill Patton are serving as the group's chaperones; and

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

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize the Capitol Scholars group and honor
9 these fine young men and women for a job well done; and, be it
10 further

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