

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Faithful Fathering Initiative in Texas works to  
2 encourage, equip, and support men in becoming caring and involved  
3 fathers and to challenge fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, and  
4 all father figures to grow in their roles as responsible parents;  
5 the organization also directs its efforts toward sensitizing  
6 families across Texas to the impact a father has on his children;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, To that end, this admirable organization is  
9 partnering with Flooring America to sponsor a contest for Houston  
10 students in first through 12th grades to compose an essay entitled,  
11 "What My Father Means to Me"; the 2005 Flooring America Dads  
12 Becoming Heroes Essay Contest is designed to improve writing  
13 skills, stimulate a child's thinking about his or her father and the  
14 role he plays in the child's life, and to raise awareness in our  
15 communities of the importance of fathers; and

16           WHEREAS, The winners of this noteworthy contest were judged  
17 within each school grade level and evaluated according to how well  
18 they described the nature of their relationships with their  
19 fathers, their use of specific details and stories that  
20 demonstrated their fathers' character, the honesty, clarity, and  
21 simplicity with which they expressed their thoughts, and their  
22 overall writing skill; and

23           WHEREAS, Children thrive when they have a supportive and  
24 fully engaged father, and as these remarkable essays show, the

1 importance of loving, committed relationships between fathers and  
2 their sons and daughters cannot be overestimated; now, therefore,  
3 be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate the winners of the 2005 Flooring  
6 America Dads Becoming Heroes Essay Contest and commend the Faithful  
7 Fathering Initiative in Texas for its efforts in encouraging  
8 fathers in the Lone Star State to become their children's  
9 nurturers, advocates, and heroes; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for each winning contestant as an expression of high  
12 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Davis of Harris  
Taylor  
Talton

H.R. No. 1466

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1466 was adopted by the House on May 9, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House