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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Justin Lookadoo, a highly acclaimed speaker and
2 successful author, is helping young people across the country to
3 develop character, leadership skills, and healthy relationships;
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5 WHEREAS, Born in El Paso and now based in Mineola, Mr.
6 Lookadoo began making presentations to elementary and junior high
7 school students while still in college; after earning a degree in
8 biology from Tarleton State University, he became an award-winning
9 drug- and crime-prevention specialist with the Smith County
10 Juvenile Probation Department, where he worked for six years before
11 embarking on his present career; and

12 WHEREAS, Recognizing the need to guide young people away from
13 dangerous behaviors, Mr. Lookadoo created a faith-based prevention
14 program titled R U Dateable?; the program is focused on helping
15 young people to achieve strong character, effective communication
16 skills, self-confidence, and lasting friendships; and

17 WHEREAS, Encouraged by public school teachers to turn his
18 stage performance into a book, Mr. Lookadoo teamed with Hayley
19 Morgan to create a work that would aid adolescents in solving their
20 problems by using "teen logic" rather than "adult logic"; titled
21 *Dateable: are you? are they?*, the book has been on the Christian
22 Booksellers Association (CBA) Young Adult Best Seller List since
23 August 2003; it has been translated into Korean and is also sold in
24 Taiwan, Indonesia, and the Netherlands; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Lookadoo's second book, *The Hardest 30 Days of*
2 *Your Life*, was nominated for the prestigious Gold Medallion Book
3 Award, given by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association;
4 in addition, he has authored or coauthored three other books, all of
5 which have made the CBA best seller list; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 1992, Justin Lookadoo has made presentations
7 to nearly a million young people around the nation and reached
8 countless others through his writings, and his commitment to
9 helping youth build fulfilling and productive lives is indeed
10 deserving of special commendation; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
12 Legislature hereby honor Justin Lookadoo for his immeasurable
13 contributions in behalf of young Texans and extend to him sincere
14 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Mr. Lookadoo as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.