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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Scott Zesch is an author of immense ability and
2 integrity, and he is most deserving of special legislative
3 recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Zesch's second book, *The Captured: A True Story*
5 *of Abduction by Indians on the Texas Frontier*, was published in
6 November 2004; in the brief six months following its release, the
7 work has earned the TCU Texas Book Award and been a selection of the
8 Book of the Month Club, History Book Club, Literary Guild Book Club,
9 Doubleday Book Club, and Quality Paperback Book Club; and

10 WHEREAS, The strong descriptive and narrative skills of this
11 distinguished Texan are well utilized in *The Captured*, which
12 follows the lives of nine children who were abducted by Native
13 American tribes in the late 19th century; and

14 WHEREAS, His own family history first inspired Mr. Zesch to
15 tell this fascinating tale, as his great-great-great uncle, Adolph
16 Korn, was kidnapped by Comanche Indians as a child; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to his writing, Mr. Zesch has become a
18 popular lecturer on the subject of Indian captivity, speaking at
19 Yale, SMU, the Texas Book Festival, and Texas Public Radio, with
20 presentations scheduled at the New York Public Library and the
21 National Archives; and

22 WHEREAS, A native of Mason County, he is a graduate of Texas
23 A&M University and Harvard Law School; after college he went on to
24 join the Peace Corps, where he taught school in a rural village in

1 Kenya; and

2 WHEREAS, Through his writing, Scott Zesch has given countless
3 readers an opportunity to explore the reality of an era that is
4 frequently shrouded in myth, and he has shown that a truthful,
5 accurate portrayal of history can be entertaining as well as
6 enlightening; in doing this, he has ensured that the rich and
7 colorful history of the Lone Star State will be preserved for future
8 generations, but perhaps more importantly, he has created
9 historical works that future Texans will be eager to read; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
12 Legislature hereby commend Scott Zesch for his exceptional literary
13 contributions and extend to him best wishes in his future
14 endeavors; and, be it further

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