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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, A team of four seniors from Paris High School, Aivee  
2 Tabangcora, Stephanie Smothermon, Jamie DiBello, and Stephanie  
3 Clifford, took first place at the 2007 Texas Future Problem Solving  
4 Bowl; and

5           WHEREAS, The Future Problem Solving Program International is  
6 a student program that encourages creativity and critical thinking  
7 through competitions in which students propose solutions to various  
8 social problems; using only a dictionary, a thesaurus, and pencils  
9 and paper, competing students have two hours to brainstorm a future  
10 scenario and propose solutions; more than 250,000 students from the  
11 United States, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, Korea, Malaysia, New  
12 Zealand, and Russia compete in the program every year; and

13           WHEREAS, Topics for each competition are researched in  
14 advance, and the winning team from Paris prepared for this year's  
15 state bowl by researching the societal challenge of caring for the  
16 elderly; high school teams are coached by PHS English teacher  
17 Sandra Strom and Dr. Janet Dickey; and

18           WHEREAS, The Future Problem Solving program has been offered  
19 as an extracurricular activity at Paris High School for 20 years;  
20 their victory at the state event qualifies the Paris team to compete  
21 at the international competition in Fort Collins, Colorado, in  
22 June; the 2007 win represents the seventh time in the past 12 years  
23 that a Paris team has advanced to the international competition;  
24 and

1           WHEREAS, These bright and committed young people represent  
2 the best of the Lone Star State, and their first place win is a  
3 fitting reward for the energy, engagement, and teamwork they  
4 demonstrated in addressing some of the most important and complex  
5 issues of the day; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
7 hereby congratulate Aivee Tabangcora, Stephanie Smothermon, Jamie  
8 DiBello, and Stephanie Clifford of Paris High School for taking  
9 first place at the Texas Future Problem Solving Bowl and extend to  
10 them best wishes for continued achievement; and, be it further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for the students as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.