

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Bardoli Global is an organization that is dedicated
2 to changing the face of America among people the world over by
3 encouraging student leaders of color to participate in study-abroad
4 programs; and

5 WHEREAS, In today's global world, international exchange is
6 critical to the foreign policy, national security, and economic
7 competitiveness of the United States; however, only one percent of
8 all eligible American students of any ethnicity study abroad, and
9 while African American, Hispanic, and Native American students make
10 up over 30 percent of the undergraduate enrollment in the United
11 States, only 9.5 percent of such students attend school overseas;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Anthony Jewett and Michael Williams II, the founders
14 of Bardoli Global, believe that international exchange is
15 especially vital for minority students who strive to be leaders in
16 the political, social, or economic growth of our communities; and

17 WHEREAS, Named for the site of a historic 1937 meeting in
18 India between Mahatma Gandhi and several prominent African American
19 leaders who later helped to inspire the American civil rights
20 movement, Bardoli Global holds as its goal to send 25,000 American
21 students of color abroad by 2017; and

22 WHEREAS, Targeting college campuses, community groups, and
23 churches to encourage minority students to study abroad, the
24 initiative seeks to break down barriers for such students by

1 helping them with the application process, academic planning,
2 financial aid, and travel preparation; and

3 WHEREAS, Recognized by the Echoing Green Foundation as one of
4 the world's 15 best emerging social enterprises, Bardoli Global has
5 selected its inaugural group of scholars and fellows, known as the
6 "Houston 100," to embark on study-abroad opportunities this summer
7 and fall; participants are drawn from Houston Community College,
8 the Houston Academy for International Studies, KIPP Houston High
9 School, Prairie View A&M University, Rice University, St. John's
10 Downtown UMC, Texas Southern University, the University of Houston,
11 and the University of Houston Downtown; and

12 WHEREAS, By promoting and supporting a global education for
13 students of color, Bardoli Global is making a unique and
14 significant contribution to the betterment of this state and
15 nation; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
17 hereby congratulate Bardoli Global and members of the Houston 100
18 for their pioneering work in fostering international understanding
19 through study abroad and extend to them sincere best wishes for
20 great success with this worthwhile endeavor; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Bardoli Global as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 259 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 259 was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2007, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor