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H.R. No. 269

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honey Brown Hope Foundation and the Suburban
2 Sugar Land Women presented a public forum entitled "Connecting with
3 the Diversity of Our Community" on January 31, 2007, in Missouri
4 City; and

5 WHEREAS, A gathering of vital importance, this forum was held
6 to promote understanding and mutual respect among the residents of
7 Fort Bend County, an area that is blessed with a multicultural
8 population that hails from a variety of religious, racial, ethnic,
9 and national backgrounds; and

10 WHEREAS, The event paid particular attention to relations
11 between the local Islamic community and other area citizens in
12 order to foster greater tolerance and to grant Muslim residents an
13 increased sense of security; and

14 WHEREAS, The Suburban Sugar Land Women and the Honey Brown
15 Hope Foundation are spotlighting this issue at a crucial time;
16 there has been an increased amount of hostility directed at Muslims
17 throughout the United States, and a group of young people who attend
18 Dulles High School in Sugar Land recently vandalized a local
19 Islamic Center; and

20 WHEREAS, This most unfortunate incident is a sobering
21 reminder of the corrosive and unjust anger that can exist in our
22 community, but it has also offered a degree of hope for improved
23 relations; one of the young people involved in the act has expressed
24 deep remorse for his actions; the Islamic Society of Greater

1 Houston South Zone has, in turn, shown compassion for this young man
2 and asked the court to be lenient in punishing him for his crime;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, By focusing on this occurrence and its hopeful
5 outcome, this community forum helped to bridge harmful divisions
6 and to create greater unity, acceptance, and harmony among all
7 residents of Fort Bend County; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize the "Connecting with the Diversity of
10 Our Community" forum as an important and constructive dialogue that
11 will improve social relations in southeastern Texas and commend the
12 Honey Brown Hope Foundation and the Suburban Sugar Land Women for
13 organizing this timely event; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the organizers as an expression of high regard from the
16 Texas House of Representatives.