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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Cynthia Barrett of Sandra Day O'Connor High School

2 in Helotes was recently selected as one of 20 U.S. teachers to serve

as an educational ambassador to Costa Rica through the Toyota

4 International Teacher Program; and

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5 WHEREAS, Chosen for her dedication to professional

6 excellence and her outstanding leadership skills, Ms. Barrett was

7 awarded a 10-day trip to Costa Rica, where she was immersed in local

8 culture and given a first-hand look at the innovative

developmental, agronomy, and conservation strategies being

10 implemented by this Central American country; and

11 WHEREAS, Highlights of this exciting opportunity included

visits to the internationally recognized National Biodiversity

13 Institute and Costa Rica's National Museum; in addition, she

14 traveled to several pre-Columbian archaeological sites,

15 participated in sustainable agricultural projects at EARTH

16 University, and met with Costa Rican educators to discuss

17 environmental education; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Barrett has well represented her school,

community, state, and nation, and she will no doubt use the

20 invaluable lessons she has learned throughout this remarkable

experience as she continues to benefit the youth of the Lone Star

22 State; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

Legislature hereby congratulate Cynthia Barrett on her selection to

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- 1 participate in the Toyota International Teacher Program as an
- 2 educational ambassador to Costa Rica and extend to her best wishes
- 3 for the future; and, be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 5 prepared for Ms. Barrett as an expression of high regard by the
- 6 Texas House of Representatives.