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H.R. No. 1582

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Emerald Arista has shown great initiative and school
2 spirit by serving on the student council for Treetops Intermediate
3 School in Euless; and

4 WHEREAS, The fifth- and sixth-grade students who serve on the
5 council devote several hours each month to important projects that
6 help their schoolmates and other residents of their community; with
7 the assistance of council advisor Marci Clanton-Meyer and Treetops
8 director Lou Blanchard, these responsible young Texans are doing
9 their part to improve the world around them while learning
10 important lessons about civic involvement; and

11 WHEREAS, A member of the Treetops Intermediate School Student
12 Council for two years, Ms. Arista is a past historian of the
13 council, which gave her the responsibility of taking pictures of
14 the group's events; she has participated in a variety of community
15 and school projects, including a group effort to adopt a nursing
16 home and a literacy program to assist younger students; in
17 addition, Ms. Arista led campus tours for visitors and welcomed new
18 students to Treetops and helped plan Red Ribbon Week, part of a
19 national program that allows students to learn the dangers of drugs
20 and alcohol, and she used her creativity to honor Dr. Martin Luther
21 King, Jr., by contributing to a mural that illustrates the "I Have A
22 Dream" speech; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Arista has also been involved in activities that
24 support the U.S. troops serving overseas, including Operation

1 Valentine and Flags Across America; for these projects, she created
2 valentine cards and hand-drawn flags that contained messages for
3 active-duty military personnel; moreover, she was involved in the
4 Veteran's Day project that recognized family members for their
5 military service by including their names on a wall of honor in the
6 classroom, and she was part of a welcome party for returning
7 soldiers at the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport; in
8 completing all of these important projects, Ms. Arista has devoted
9 more than 45 hours to her council volunteer work; and

10 WHEREAS, Committed to bettering her school and community,
11 Emerald Arista has played an important role in student council
12 activities, and her dedication and hard work indeed merit special
13 recognition; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
15 Legislature hereby honor Emerald Arista for her service on the
16 Treetops Intermediate School Student Council and extend to her best
17 wishes for continued achievement as a student and citizen; and, be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Ms. Arista as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.