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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Science teacher Jessica Zenker and the sixth-grade
2 class at YES Prep Southeast School in Houston have embarked upon a
3 year-long class project to learn about and help protect an
4 endangered species of sea turtle; and

5 WHEREAS, The goal of the YES Prep Schools in Houston is to
6 prepare its students for a college education, and the charter of
7 each YES Prep School mandates that a student must be accepted at a
8 four-year college in order to receive his or her high school
9 diploma; the YES Prep Schools have been recognized by *Newsweek*
10 magazine as among the top 100 public schools in America; and

11 WHEREAS, The students of Ms. Zenker's class have chosen to
12 work in behalf of the Kemp's ridley sea turtle, an endangered
13 species that commonly lays its eggs along the coast of the Gulf of
14 Mexico; turtle nests have been threatened by coastal development,
15 and many turtles have lost their lives after being entangled in the
16 nets of shrimp boats; and

17 WHEREAS, The highly motivated sixth-graders of YES Prep
18 Southeast have shown their concern for the sea turtles throughout
19 the school year by studying the turtles' life cycle and visiting the
20 sea turtle facility in Galveston; they have further expressed their
21 concern by contacting their elected representatives urging
22 increased protection for the turtles; and

23 WHEREAS, Through their commitment to the preservation of this
24 unique species, the sixth-grade students of YES Prep Southeast have

1 demonstrated an interest in and understanding of an important
2 scientific issue, and their efforts merit special recognition; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby honor Jessica Zenker and the sixth-grade science
6 class of YES Prep Southeast School in Houston for their efforts in
7 behalf of Kemp's ridley sea turtles and extend to them best wishes
8 for the future; and, be it further

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