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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For more than 40 years, the U.S. Small Business  
2 Administration has recognized outstanding small business owners  
3 for their contributions to the nation's economy during National  
4 Small Business Week; and

5           WHEREAS, The SBA Houston District Office, which serves 32  
6 counties and some 350,000 businesses, is honoring 10 outstanding  
7 individuals on May 11, 2007, at the Small Business Week Awards  
8 Luncheon; the event is being sponsored by the Houston chapter of  
9 SCORE, a nonprofit association dedicated to entrepreneur education  
10 and the formation, growth, and success of the nation's small  
11 businesses; and

12           WHEREAS, John Hernandez has been named the 2007 Young  
13 Entrepreneur of the Year; in 2002, after leaving his position as an  
14 H.E.B. store manager, he established H-Wheel Tire with an inventory  
15 of about 50 used tires and a pre-owned tire changer and balancer;  
16 within a few months he had added new tires to his stock, followed in  
17 short order by chrome aftermarket wheels, aftermarket headlights  
18 and taillights, and other aftermarket products; his sales reached  
19 \$156,000 in 2003 and \$625,000 in 2006, and he now has four full-time  
20 employees; and

21           WHEREAS, Having outgrown his modest building, Mr. Hernandez  
22 visited the University of Houston Small Business Development  
23 Center, which in 2005 helped him structure an SBA 7(a) loan in the  
24 amount of \$300,000 to construct a larger facility; his new retail

1 storefront has enabled him to add products, display them to better  
2 advantage, and provide greater customer satisfaction; and

3 WHEREAS, Nominated for this award by the University of  
4 Houston Small Business Development Center, Mr. Hernandez is  
5 building a reputation for his commitment to providing excellent  
6 service for his customers, and he is currently attending North  
7 Harris Montgomery Community College to further hone his business  
8 and management skills; and

9 WHEREAS, Small businesses are the lifeblood of cities and  
10 towns across the country, and National Small Business Week provides  
11 a welcome opportunity to honor those men and women who contribute to  
12 the economic vitality of their communities through their  
13 professional endeavors; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby congratulate John Hernandez on his selection as  
16 the 2007 Young Entrepreneur of the Year by the Houston District  
17 Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration and extend to him  
18 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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