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H.R. No. 2111

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On April 28, 2007, the Cherice Cochrane Mentoring
2 For Success Foundation, of Bexar County, hosted its fifth National
3 Mentoring Banquet; and

4 WHEREAS, Mentoring is highly important for the youth of our
5 state, as studies have shown that students with mentors make better
6 grades, have improved relationships with adults and peers, and are
7 less likely to use drugs; worthy organizations like the Cherice
8 Cochrane Mentoring For Success Foundation are instrumental in
9 elevating student achievement and self-esteem; and

10 WHEREAS, Cherice Cochrane, who tragically lost her life to
11 meningitis at the age of 19, was the inspiration for the foundation;
12 this altruistic young woman was committed to helping the children
13 in her community accomplish their educational goals, and her
14 unselfish works stand as an inspiring example to all Texans; and

15 WHEREAS, At the age of 12, Ms. Cochrane helped to implement an
16 NAACP Back-to-School, Stay-in-School program, which aims to
17 increase the number of African American youth graduating from high
18 school by providing children with mentoring, tutoring, and
19 extracurricular activities; and

20 WHEREAS, The Cherice Cochrane Mentoring For Success
21 Foundation carries on the vision of Ms. Cochrane, providing mentors
22 to children in need of guidance, awarding scholarships to deserving
23 students, and offering internships, college preparation, and
24 counseling; and

1 WHEREAS, The academic success of our youth impacts our
2 communities, our state, and our nation; it is essential that
3 students be equipped with the tools necessary to attain their
4 goals, and mentoring programs play an important role in this
5 endeavor; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend all those associated with the Cherice
8 Cochrane Mentoring For Success Foundation for their efforts in
9 behalf of the children of San Antonio and the surrounding area; and,
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the Cherice Cochrane Mentoring For Success Foundation
13 as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
14 Representatives.