

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Eight-year-old Baxter Speed of Abilene has
2 distinguished himself through his interest in state government
3 during the 80th Legislature, researching and advocating the
4 placement of seatbelts on school buses; and

5 WHEREAS, A student in the Gifted and Talented Program of
6 Bonham Elementary School, Baxter Speed has already proven to be a
7 community leader at a young age, raising money for school
8 fund-raising projects from recycling goods and from his lemonade
9 stand; and

10 WHEREAS, He has been active as well in such efforts as the
11 flood assistance program of the United Way of Abilene, food drives
12 with the Boy Scouts, and the Jump Rope for Heart program at his
13 school; and

14 WHEREAS, For his generous gift of time and energy to various
15 good causes, Baxter Speed has been recognized with several awards
16 and certificates, including the Volunteer Service Certificate of
17 Recognition from the United Way, the Eagle of the Week/Month
18 designation for leadership and good citizenship from St. John's
19 Episcopal School, and the Good Deeds Recognition Award from the Boy
20 Scouts; and

21 WHEREAS, He also lives the active life of an eight-year-old,
22 playing flag football and basketball, learning riddles and magic
23 tricks, and participating in Cub Scout Den 7 of Boy Scout Pack 271
24 in Abilene; and

1 WHEREAS, Recently he has taken up the cause of installing
2 seatbelts on school buses, undertaking his own research on funding
3 and visiting the State Capitol as an honorary page; and

4 WHEREAS, Baxter Speed is an exemplary young Texan,
5 demonstrating qualities of citizenship, leadership, and commitment
6 well beyond his years, and it is a pleasure to recognize this
7 shining star of his community for his many good works and deeds;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor Baxter Speed for his outstanding community
11 activism and commend him for his genuine interest in helping
12 others; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Baxter Speed as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.

King of Taylor

H.R. No. 2176

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2176 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House