

By: King of Taylor

H.R. No. 2176

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.