

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Each year, the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership  
2 Institute and The University of Texas of the Permian Basin host the  
3 Texas Leadership Forum, a gathering that brings together future and  
4 current leaders of Texas to discuss issues facing the state and to  
5 develop creative solutions for those problems; and

6 WHEREAS, At the 22nd annual forum, held in Austin in October  
7 2006, 10 Texans were recognized for presenting the best overall  
8 solution during the forum's Search for Solutions competition; their  
9 winning proposal strategically addressed the challenge of reducing  
10 the state's high school drop-out rate and the associated costs to  
11 society, while at the same time raising the percentage of at-risk  
12 teenagers who enroll at an institution of higher learning; and

13 WHEREAS, Those contributing to the best overall solution were  
14 Dan Stansbury, the facilitator, along with Zhanae Fox, Daniel Box,  
15 Christina Carranza, Iris Fiero, Sayeh Dardus, Eric Garcia, Juan  
16 Velasquez, Tanya Bidwell, and Kyle Keel; and

17 WHEREAS, Judges for the competition were Justice Phillip  
18 Johnson of the Texas Supreme Court, Dr. David McIntyre, director of  
19 the Integrative Center for Homeland Security at Texas A&M  
20 University, and Warren Von Eschenbach, director of the Senate  
21 Finance Subcommittee; and

22 WHEREAS, The college students and young professionals who  
23 gathered for the 2006 Texas Leadership Forum have demonstrated an  
24 exemplary commitment to public service, and their creativity,

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1 initiative, and resourcefulness will serve this state well in the  
2 years to come; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby honor the Texans who presented the best overall  
5 solution during the Search for Solutions competition at the 2006  
6 John Ben Shepperd Texas Leadership Forum and extend to them sincere  
7 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2958 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House