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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 Mark Fury; 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.