

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Samuel Dowlen of Midland achieved an exciting goal  
2 in May 2009 with his participation in the Scripps National Spelling  
3 Bee; and

4           WHEREAS, A homeschooled seventh-grader, Mr. Dowlen has  
5 developed outstanding proficiency in spelling, and he previously  
6 competed in the prestigious national competition in 2008; at this  
7 year's event in Washington, D.C., he was sponsored by the *Midland*  
8 *Reporter-Telegram*, and he competed against 292 participants from  
9 across the United States, as well as students from China, South  
10 Korea, Canada, and other countries; with the support of his parents  
11 and grandparents, this talented 13-year-old skillfully represented  
12 the city of Midland, spelling such words as "prolific" and  
13 "ptomaine"; and

14           WHEREAS, Active in various extracurricular activities,  
15 Samuel enjoys basketball and track, and he performed a leading role  
16 in the musical "The Christmas County Spelling Bee"; he is  
17 interested in cars, electronics, and science, and he plans to  
18 pursue a career in automotive engineering; and

19           WHEREAS, Samuel Dowlen has proven himself to be a young man of  
20 ability, determination, and poise under pressure, and he may indeed  
21 look forward to a future that is bright with promise; now,  
22 therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
24 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Samuel Dowlen

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1 on his participation in the 2009 Scripps National Spelling Bee and  
2 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and  
3 happiness; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Mr. Dowlen as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
6 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 8 was adopted by the House on July 2, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House