

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Gabriella Ahbee Orton for her outstanding performance in the National Braille Challenge, which was held recently in California; and

WHEREAS, Ahbee won first place in her age division at the National Braille Challenge; she was one of 56 blind and visually impaired students chosen from 660 applicants nationwide to participate in the competition; and

WHEREAS, Students competed in events that required them to transcribe, type, and read Braille; they also demonstrated skills in reading comprehension and spelling; and

WHEREAS, Ahbee has been blind since birth and is a third grade student at Deer Creek Elementary School in the Crowley Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, A talented and industrious student, Ahbee strives for excellence in all of her endeavors; a role model for all young Texas students, she is a source of much pride to her parents, her school, and her community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Gabriella Ahbee Orton on her skills and exceptional accomplishments and extend congratulations to her on winning first place in the National Braille Challenge; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Ahbee Orton.

Davis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 2, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate