

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Matthew Thomas of Weatherford competed in the 2008  
2 National Geographic Bee in Washington, D.C.; and

3           WHEREAS, Sponsored by the National Geographic Society, the  
4 National Geographic Bee is a geography competition for students in  
5 grades four through eight from across the United States; every  
6 year, thousands of students participate in state bees, and the  
7 state winners advance to the national finals at National Geographic  
8 headquarters to compete for scholarships; and

9           WHEREAS, After first becoming fascinated with geography as a  
10 kindergartner, Matthew Thomas won his first geography bee when he  
11 was a fourth grader at Mary Martin Elementary School in the  
12 Weatherford Independent School District; he won the school contest  
13 three years in a row, from 2006 to 2008, and all three years he went  
14 on to attend the state bee; in 2006, he was the only fourth grader in  
15 Texas to qualify for the state competition; and

16           WHEREAS, The gifted Mr. Thomas won the state bee as a sixth  
17 grader in 2008 and advanced to the national bee in Washington, D.C.,  
18 in May, tying for 14th place against talented students from all 50  
19 states; and

20           WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas was the Mary Martin Elementary School  
21 Optimist Boy of the Year for 2007-2008; currently a student at Tison  
22 Middle School, he plays in the symphonic band and has made the UIL  
23 Region 7 Middle School Symphonic Band; and

24           WHEREAS, Matthew Thomas is an exemplary young man whose

1 unique skills in geography enabled him to display his talents on the  
2 national stage, and he is indeed worthy of special recognition;  
3 now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Matthew Thomas on his  
6 participation in the National Geographic Bee in 2008 and extend to  
7 him sincere best wishes for continued success and a bright future;  
8 and, be it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Mr. Thomas as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
11 House of Representatives.

King of Parker

H.R. No. 183

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 183 was adopted by the House on March 9, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House