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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.