

By: Morrison

H.R. No. 357

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Thadious Polasek of Flatonia Secondary School has  
2 received a 2009 Texas Exes Award for Outstanding Teachers; and

3 WHEREAS, Created in 1987 and given jointly by the alumni  
4 association of The University of Texas at Austin and the UT College  
5 of Education, this accolade is presented annually to teachers  
6 across the state who inspire and support their students, bring  
7 credit to their profession, and enjoy the high esteem of their  
8 students, their fellow teachers, parents, and the community at  
9 large; and

10 WHEREAS, Twelve recipients are chosen each year from among  
11 several hundred nominees; award winners receive a cash prize and a  
12 custom-designed bronze trophy; more than 230 Texas teachers have  
13 been honored in the last two decades; and

14 WHEREAS, An educator in the Flatonia Independent School  
15 District for more than 30 years, Thadious Polasek teaches honors  
16 English, theater arts, and Czech language classes; over the course  
17 of his career, he has challenged and inspired several generations  
18 of students, both as a teacher and as the coach of Flatonia's  
19 championship debate team; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Polasek has led the way in preserving the Czech  
21 language and heritage in his community, writing his own curriculum;  
22 as a result of a partnership with Blinn College, his Czech classes  
23 are now available to other schools through teleconferencing, and  
24 this exemplary effort was recognized in 2006 with a visit to

1 Flatonia Secondary School by Petr Kolar, the Czech ambassador to  
2 the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, Thadious Polasek has long earned the respect of his  
4 colleagues and the gratitude of his students, and now, with his  
5 receipt of this prestigious award, he has been justly recognized as  
6 one of the finest teachers in the Lone Star State; now, therefore,  
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Thadious Polasek on receiving a  
10 2009 Texas Exes Award for Outstanding Teachers and extend to him  
11 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Mr. Polasek as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives.