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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Leadership Southwest Class of 2009 2 are visiting the State Capitol on February 18, 2009, to gain further 3 insight into the workings of state government; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, 4 5 Lancaster, and Oak Cliff Chambers of Commerce, Leadership Southwest was established in 1985 with 23 participants; since that time, more 6 7 than 800 area residents have completed the program, and many have gone on to serve on city councils, boards of local chambers, 8 9 schools, hospitals, and economic development and planning and zoning committees; some graduates have also sought to serve their 10 11 community through elected offices; and

12 WHEREAS, Leadership Southwest provides opportunities for 13 participants to increase their knowledge of vital public issues and 14 to visit with the leaders who are making decisions that affect their 15 communities; and

16 WHEREAS, Classes inspire the spirit of activism and provide a 17 diverse membership with personal leadership training, networking 18 opportunities, and instruction from knowledgeable figures from 19 both the public and private sectors; and

20 WHEREAS, Through its efforts to build a more informed and 21 involved citizenry and to develop new leaders, Leadership Southwest 22 is helping to create a brighter and more promising future for the 23 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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Legislature hereby recognize February 18, 2009, as Leadership
Southwest Class of 2009 Day at the State Capitol and extend to all
its participants sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 6 prepared for Leadership Southwest as an expression of high regard 7 by the Texas House of Representatives.