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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Citizens from La Joya and McAllen who are members of 2 the Texas affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers are 3 visiting the State Capitol on March 16, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Chartered in 1974, Texas AFT represents more than 61,000 teachers, counselors, librarians, custodians, and other non-administrative school employees across the Lone Star State; a leader in the areas of salary and health insurance improvements and teacher certification, Texas AFT is also recognized for the implementation of a statewide leadership development program that has become the model for other state federations; and

11 WHEREAS, The members of Texas AFT work to create a supportive 12 environment conducive to learning and to ensure equal opportunity 13 for all students through a strong system of public schools; and

14 WHEREAS, The union also strives to raise the standards of all 15 the professions employed in the schools and to secure working 16 conditions that will enable the various staff members represented 17 to render the best possible service; and

WHEREAS, The members of Texas AFT believe that a vigorous system of public schools is essential to preserving the liberties and the robust, representative form of government that have so long made this country a beacon for all the world, and they are to be commended for their steadfast advocacy in behalf of the public schools, their students, and their employees; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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Legislature hereby welcome the members of Texas AFT who are
visiting the State Capitol from La Joya and McAllen and extend to
them sincere best wishes for a memorable stay in Austin.