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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, German exchange student Annika Hofmann and her
2 mother, Anita Hofmann, are touring Austin on March 18, 2009, and
3 their visit to the State Capitol helps to reinforce the
4 long-standing bonds of friendship between their nation and the
5 State of Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, Just as young Texans benefit by spending time
7 abroad, foreign students gain valuable insights into the history
8 and culture of the Lone Star State by enjoying the hospitality of
9 their host families and their Texan classmates; and

10 WHEREAS, The bridges of understanding that are built during
11 these exchanges play a vital role in helping the next generation of
12 leaders broaden their minds through daily experience of another
13 culture; and

14 WHEREAS, A 17-year-old from the city of Landshut, Germany,
15 Annika Hofmann is currently a junior at Burleson High School, where
16 she is excelling in her studies as she works toward her goal of a
17 career in medicine; she is a gifted athlete as well, lettering in
18 track at Burleson; and

19 WHEREAS, This talented and outgoing young woman has adapted
20 admirably well to the extremes of Texas weather, and she has
21 mastered the use of such essential Texas idioms as "howdy" and
22 "y'all"; and

23 WHEREAS, The visit to Austin of Ms. Hofmann and her mother
24 provides a fine opportunity to celebrate the intellectual curiosity

1 and spirit of adventure of all exchange students, and it is indeed a
2 pleasure to welcome them both to the State Capitol; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby offer a warm Texas welcome to Annika and Anita
6 Hofmann and extend to them sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and
7 memorable stay in Austin; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Annika and Anita Hofmann as an expression of high
10 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.