

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In the nearly three-year period since it was  
2 founded, the Bedichek Junior Marine Corps has proven to be a  
3 positive force in helping students at Bedichek Middle School in  
4 Austin prepare for the future; and

5           WHEREAS, Created in 2006, the Bedichek Junior Marine Corps is  
6 designed to instill the values of citizenship, service, and  
7 personal responsibility in its cadets as well as provide them with a  
8 sense of accomplishment; the program is open to Bedichek students  
9 in the sixth through eighth grades and helps participants develop  
10 leadership skills, strengthen their character, and learn effective  
11 self-discipline; the cadets are guided by Staff Sergeant Darrick  
12 Norton, a former marine and a member of the school's faculty; and

13           WHEREAS, This innovative program requires its cadets to pass  
14 all their courses, demonstrate high moral standards, and adhere to  
15 a strict code of conduct; no commitment to future military service  
16 is required of BJMC cadets, and the lessons taught by the program  
17 are intended to benefit them in all walks of life; and

18           WHEREAS, The Bedichek Junior Marine Corps program helps young  
19 people develop a range of admirable skills and values, and it is a  
20 pleasure to recognize its worthwhile achievements; now, therefore,  
21 be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
23 Legislature hereby honor the Bedichek Junior Marine Corps for its  
24 contribution to the development of informed, responsible citizens

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1 and extend to all those involved with the program sincere best  
2 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for the program as an expression of high regard by the  
5 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1147 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House