By: Bolton H.R. No. 1147

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In the nearly three-year period since it was 2 founded, the Bedichek Junior Marine Corps has proven to be a positive force in helping students at Bedichek Middle School in 3 Austin prepare for the future; and 4 5 WHEREAS, Created in 2006, the Bedichek Junior Marine Corps is designed to instill the values of citizenship, service, and 6 7 personal responsibility in its cadets as well as provide them with a sense of accomplishment; the program is open to Bedichek students 8 9 in the sixth through eighth grades and helps participants develop leadership skills, strengthen their character, and learn effective 10

- 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
- 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.