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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Each year, the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership  
2 Institute and The University of Texas of the Permian Basin host the  
3 Texas Leadership Forum, a gathering that brings together future and  
4 current leaders of Texas to discuss issues facing the state and  
5 develop creative solutions for those problems; and

6           WHEREAS, At the 24th annual forum, held in Austin in October  
7 2008, nine Texans were recognized for presenting the best overall  
8 solution during the forum's Search for Solutions competition; their  
9 winning proposal strategically addressed the issues of border  
10 security and human trafficking by establishing the Border  
11 Enforcement Security and Training (BEST) Act, which directs the  
12 Department of Public Safety to assign 180 of 300 new employees to  
13 the 18 counties of the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition; the  
14 proposal also creates an education and training program on border  
15 security and human trafficking and requires participation in the  
16 program by the new DPS employees in the border region; and

17           WHEREAS, Those contributing to the winning proposal were team  
18 facilitator David Erinakes, along with team members Aimee Anderson,  
19 Craig Caruana, Chuck Moad, Ruby Lichte Powers, Jon Rogers, Gregory  
20 Stevenson, Alec Weissgerber, and Kent Willis; and

21           WHEREAS, Judges for the competition were Justice Harriet  
22 O'Neill of the Texas Supreme Court, State Representative David  
23 Farabee, and Ernest Angelo, Jr., former mayor of Midland and former  
24 vice chair of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission; and

1           WHEREAS, The young professionals who gathered for the 2008  
2 Texas Leadership Forum have demonstrated an exemplary commitment to  
3 public service, and their creativity, initiative, and  
4 resourcefulness will serve this state well in the years to come;  
5 now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
7 Legislature hereby congratulate the winners of the Search for  
8 Solutions competition at the 2008 John Ben Shepperd Texas  
9 Leadership Forum and extend to them sincere best wishes for  
10 continued success; and, be it further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for these young leaders as an expression of high regard by  
13 the Texas House of Representatives.