

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Liz Adetiba of James L. Coble Middle School in
2 Arlington took first place honors in the 2009 *Fort Worth*
3 *Star-Telegram* Regional Spelling Bee; and

4 WHEREAS, An eighth-grader at the school, this talented
5 14-year-old had already won the JCMS Spelling Bee in January and the
6 Area 11 Spelling Bee in February; in 2006, when she was 11, she went
7 all the way to the national competition; and

8 WHEREAS, Miss Adetiba competed against 31 students from area
9 schools in a tough contest that lasted 29 rounds, the highest number
10 of rounds in the bee's recent history; she prevailed throughout by
11 correctly spelling such words as "sorghum," "estuary," "tillage,"
12 "reticulated," and "alexia"; and

13 WHEREAS, After 3 hours and 285 words, Miss Adetiba triumphed
14 by correctly spelling "impetigo," and her victory qualifies her to
15 participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in May in
16 Washington, D.C.; and

17 WHEREAS, Miss Adetiba's ability, determination, and poise
18 under pressure are impressive, and she may indeed look forward to a
19 future that is bright with promise; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Liz Adetiba on winning the 2009
22 *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* Regional Spelling Bee and extend to her
23 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

H.R. No. 1357

1 prepared for Miss Adetiba as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.

Turner of Tarrant

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1357 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House