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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For more than a year, the talented young orator  
2 Dalton Sherman has been inspiring and thrilling audiences  
3 throughout Dallas; and

4           WHEREAS, Now finishing the fifth grade at Charles Rice  
5 Learning Center, where he is an "A" student, a basketball player,  
6 and a blue belt in karate, Dalton won his initial oratory  
7 competition when he was in the first grade; his victory at another  
8 contest in January 2008 has put him in demand for appearances at  
9 schools and churches all across the city; among his memorable  
10 engagements was the time he performed an opening speech for an  
11 appearance by poet Maya Angelou; and

12           WHEREAS, At the start of the 2008-2009 school year, Dalton  
13 addressed some 17,000 teachers of the Dallas Independent School  
14 District at the American Airlines Center; he prepared for the  
15 speech with assistance from his mother, fifth-grade teacher Donna  
16 Sherman, and his oratory coach, fourth-grade teacher Irene Redmond;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, Speaking before his biggest audience to date, Dalton  
19 moved the audience of educators to cheers and tears as he inspired  
20 them to dedicate themselves to the children under their care; since  
21 that time, the YouTube video of his speech has been viewed nearly  
22 half a million times, and he was invited to perform the opening  
23 address of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Day celebration at the House  
24 of Blues in Dallas; and

1           WHEREAS, Dalton Sherman's energy, enthusiasm, and commitment  
2 to excellence have already inspired countless people, and he may  
3 indeed look forward to a future bright with promise; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
6 Legislature hereby commend Dalton Sherman for his extraordinary  
7 oratorical skill and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
8 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Dalton Sherman as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.