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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Menard Morning Glories have received the 2009
2 National Junior Master Gardener Group Service and Achievement
3 Award; and

4 WHEREAS, The Junior Master Gardener international program
5 works in partnership with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service with
6 a mission to instill in its participants a passion for learning,
7 success, and service through a unique gardening education; the
8 annual group service and achievement accolade recognizes both
9 leadership and philanthropy efforts among these youth groups; and

10 WHEREAS, Created in 2005, the Menard Morning Glories have
11 increased membership from 8 to 30 students beginning at the
12 fourth-grade level; the group has 22 raised-bed garden plots, where
13 they grow and maintain various seasonal vegetables, plants, and
14 morning glory vines; in addition to practicing the basics of
15 planting, watering, caring for, and harvesting their produce, the
16 children reach out to the area garden club, fire department, senior
17 center, and public library, as well as a number of schools, through
18 their annual plant sale, which has helped fund field trips to
19 Austin, San Antonio, Johnson City, and Fredericksburg; moreover,
20 these fine young Texans have participated in such community
21 beautification projects as the landscaping of the town library, and
22 they have donated produce to local elderly residents; and

23 WHEREAS, The members of the Menard Morning Glories are
24 contributing to their community as they gain valuable life skills

1 and the confidence to pursue their goals, and their hard work and
2 dedication indeed merit special recognition; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate the Menard Morning Glories on their
5 receipt of the 2009 National Junior Master Gardener Group Service
6 and Achievement Award and extend to the group's leaders and members
7 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the Menard Morning Glories as an expression of high
10 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.