

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of the gifted and talented class of
2 Nichols Sawmill Elementary School in Magnolia have won the Texas
3 Grand Champion award in the intermediate category for their entry
4 in the Future Problem Solving Program International competition;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, More than 250,000 students from around the world
7 participate annually in the Future Problem Solving Program
8 International, working to develop their critical thinking skills
9 through creative problem-solving projects; the program is
10 sponsored in the state by the Texas Education Agency; and

11 WHEREAS, Under the guidance of their teacher, Cherrie
12 Edwards, the fifth-grade members of the Nichols Sawmill gifted and
13 talented class have arranged to bring a miniature "therapy horse"
14 named Tess and her handler to their school and to another Magnolia
15 Independent School District campus, Williams Elementary; and

16 WHEREAS, Tess is part of the SIRE (Self-Improvement through
17 Riding Education) program, and her visits will benefit the special
18 needs students at each school throughout the 2010-2011 school year;
19 calling their project TESS (Therapeutic Education for Special
20 Students), the students in the Nichols Sawmill gifted and talented
21 class have raised more than \$8,500 for this innovative program; and

22 WHEREAS, Their recognition at the state level entitles these
23 dedicated and creative students to travel to the Future Problem
24 Solving Program International competition at Michigan State

1 University in May, and they may indeed take great pride in their
2 state victory as they look forward to competing with other young
3 people from across the nation; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate the gifted and talented class of
6 Nichols Sawmill Elementary School on being named Texas Grand
7 Champion in the intermediate category of the state Future Problem
8 Solving Program International competition and extend to the members
9 of the class and their teacher best wishes for continued success;
10 and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1825

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1825 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House