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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.