

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Matt Shepperd of The Woodlands is helping to make a
2 positive difference in the world through his work with I Am Change;
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4 WHEREAS, Recognizing that responsibility should come with
5 privilege, Mr. Shepperd founded this notable initiative in an
6 effort to encourage people to take action for the common good; I Am
7 Change stresses the potential that one person has to make a profound
8 difference in the lives of others; and

9 WHEREAS, The first project of I Am Change is Hydrate Hope,
10 which works to create low-cost, sustainable access to clean water
11 and sanitation; currently, the program benefits thousands of people
12 every month by partnering with local implementers; during its first
13 year alone, the effort has provided clean water to more than 30,000
14 people in Sierra Leone, India, Cameroon, Zambia, and Tanzania; and

15 WHEREAS, I Am Change is also developing projects to address
16 other critical social concerns, including hunger, education, human
17 trafficking, orphan care, health care, and financial advancement by
18 means of microenterprise development; within the structure of the
19 organization, Mr. Shepperd is working to forge partnerships with
20 schools in Southern India, anti-trafficking groups in India and
21 Thailand, and inner-city projects here in the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, Endeavoring to confront the suffering that afflicts
23 so many people both in the United States and around the world, I Am
24 Change is providing education, organization, and a venue for

1 individuals to transform the future and to effect real change for
2 the benefit of those in need; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby commend Matt Shepperd for helping to improve the
5 lives of others through his work with I Am Change and extend to him
6 sincere best wishes for continued success with his important
7 efforts; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2008

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2008 was adopted by the House on May 19, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House