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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Fifteen students from Ben Barber Career and
2 Technology Academy of the Mansfield Independent School District won
3 great distinction for themselves and their school at the 61st
4 annual SkillsUSA Texas Leadership and Skills Championships in
5 Corpus Christi in April 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, Sponsored by SkillsUSA, a national nonprofit
7 organization for trade and technical students, the state
8 championship brings together more than 5,200 Texas high school
9 students to compete in over 150 different career and technical
10 fields; and

11 WHEREAS, This year's winners from Ben Barber include Hileigh
12 Armenta and Jonathan Solis, who took first place in the audio radio
13 production contest by scripting and creating a radio piece
14 incorporating interviews and homemade sound effects; and

15 WHEREAS, The construction tech team of J. R. Buford,
16 Francisco Rodriguez, Philip Creasemen, and Hugo Dominguez took
17 first in the Team Works category by building a room from the ground
18 up during the allotted time; this was their second consecutive
19 state title; and

20 WHEREAS, Also taking first place were Murphy La, for
21 automotive service technical information, and Alex Romans in the
22 technical computer applications category; and

23 WHEREAS, Marcus Riddle earned second place in electronics
24 technology, while David Fenton took third place in the power

1 equipment technology category and Michael Atwood took third in
2 electronics technology technical information; Ty Vaughn placed
3 third in marine service technology, Joel Ash placed fourth in
4 residential wiring, and David Boyd and Mike Caho placed sixth and
5 seventh, respectively, in the masonry competition; and

6 WHEREAS, The students of Ben Barber Career Tech Academy have
7 indeed made an impressive showing at this highly competitive event,
8 establishing themselves as a tremendous source of pride for their
9 school, families, and community; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate the students of Ben Barber Career
12 and Technology Academy on their victories at the SkillsUSA Texas
13 championships and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued
14 success and a bright future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the students of the academy as an expression of high
17 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.