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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, French exchange student Nicholas Devernois is 2 touring Austin on May 21, 2009, and his visit to the State Capitol 3 helps to reinforce the long-standing bonds of friendship between 4 his nation and the State of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Just as young Texans benefit by spending time 6 abroad, foreign students gain valuable insights into the history 7 and culture of the Lone Star State by enjoying the hospitality of 8 their host families and their Texan classmates; and

9 WHEREAS, The bridges of understanding that are built during 10 these exchanges play a vital role in helping the next generation of 11 leaders explore new ideas and learn about another culture; and

12 WHEREAS, A native of Monbalen, Aquitaine, France, Mr. 13 Devernois is the son of a researcher and engineer for the French 14 military, and he is descended from a line of nobility that dates 15 back before the French Revolution; and

16 WHEREAS, In Texas, Mr. Devernois has resided with the Parsi 17 family of Caldwell, where he has played baseball and run track for 18 Caldwell High School and has been active in the Young Life 19 organization; and

20 WHEREAS, The visit to Austin of Mr. Devernois provides a fine 21 opportunity to celebrate the intellectual curiosity and spirit of 22 adventure of all exchange students, and it is most fitting that he 23 should be extended the status of honorary Texan; now, therefore, be 24 it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas 2 Legislature hereby recognize Nicholas Devernois as an honorary 3 Texan and extend to him sincere best wishes for a meaningful and 4 memorable visit to Austin; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 6 prepared for Mr. Devernois as an expression of high regard by the 7 Texas House of Representatives.