## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Matt Dearmon has been named the 2009 Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Round Rock Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dearmon is a graduate of Louisiana State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in education; an enthusiastic student, he will begin additional graduate course work in cultural studies and education in fall 2009 at The University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, The son of an art teacher, Mr. Dearmon tutored foster children during his college years, and he went on to teach for a year at a public school in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Since 2005, this talented educator has taught for Round Rock ISD, and he currently teaches English and heads the English department at Stony Point Ninth-Grade Center, where he has distinguished himself with his innovative lessons and his ability to engage a wide range of students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dearmon is also cosponsor of the Philosophy Club at Stony Point, and he serves the entire district as a diversity trainer and as a member of the Response to Intervention Committee; and

WHEREAS, There is no more important work than educating the young people of Texas, and Matt Dearmon's achievement is a fitting acknowledgment of the positive and lasting difference one committed person can make in the lives of young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Matt Dearmon on his selection as the Round Rock Independent School District Secondary Teacher of the Year for 2009 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for $M r$. Dearmon as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

