

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Graden E. Taylor of Houston has made significant  
2 contributions to public education by helping to advance learning  
3 opportunities for Houston area youth; and

4           WHEREAS, An educator for more than 30 years, Mr. Taylor  
5 currently teaches chemistry and physics at South Houston High  
6 School in the Pasadena Independent School District; in addition to  
7 providing his students with a solid educational foundation on which  
8 to build through his work with them in the classroom, he also  
9 devotes weekends and summer breaks to helping young people;  
10 moreover, he has personally funded more than \$117,000 in  
11 scholarships to provide training for disadvantaged and at-risk  
12 youth; and

13           WHEREAS, In an effort to reach an even greater number of  
14 students, Mr. Taylor authored *Peanut Butter and Jelly Answers - A  
15 Test Improvement Manual for Exam Day Blackout*, which has been  
16 endorsed by former Secretary of Education Dr. Rod Paige, who also  
17 wrote the foreword to the book; and

18           WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor's concern for young people extends beyond  
19 the classroom; he strives to help missing and exploited children  
20 and designs children's toys, games, and comic and coloring books to  
21 teach children about the dangers of child abduction; his notable  
22 work has been honored in the past by the City of Houston, which  
23 proclaimed June 1, 2006, as Graden E. Taylor Day; and

24           WHEREAS, Graden Taylor has long opened doors to a brighter

1 future for young people in the Bayou City, and his contributions  
2 continue to resonate in the lives of the many young people who have  
3 benefited from his commitment, skill, and compassion; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
6 Legislature hereby honor Graden E. Taylor for his outstanding  
7 efforts in behalf of young Texans and extend to him sincere best  
8 wishes for continued success with his important work; and, be it  
9 further

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

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H.R. No. 2290

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2290 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House