## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Katrice Williams of William Lee Hastings Elementary School in Duncanville has been selected to attend the 2009 National Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2005 by professional golfer Phil Mickelson and his wife, Amy, in association with ExxonMobil, the academy brings together teachers from across the nation to participate in an intensive week of professional development workshops devoted to innovative techniques for teaching math and science; and

WHEREAS, Third through fifth grade teachers may apply for admission to attend this prestigious academy; participants are chosen based on their qualifications and their dedication to their students and their profession by a panel of educators from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the National Science Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, A teacher at Hastings Elementary in Duncanville, Katrice Williams is one of only 200 teachers selected for the academy this year from among the more than 1,600 teachers who have applied for admission to the program since 2008; and

WHEREAS, The future economic vitality of Texas will depend in part on the education received by the young people of the Lone Star State, and teachers play a vital role in helping to prepare their students for success in the 21st century; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Katrice Williams on her selection to attend the 2009 National Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy and extend to her sincere best wishes for an informative and memorable time in Jersey City; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Ms. Williams as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

