

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Thirteen-year-old Eric Yang of The Colony has won
2 the 2009 National Geographic Bee, which was held in Washington,
3 D.C., on May 20; and

4 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the National Geographic Society, the
5 National Geographic Bee program helps spark interest in geography
6 among students in grades four through eight across the nation;
7 every year, thousands of young people compete in local and state
8 bees for a chance to compete in the national bee, which is moderated
9 by Alex Trebek of the television game show *Jeopardy!* and broadcast
10 nationally on the National Geographic Channel and again on PBS; and

11 WHEREAS, A seventh-grader at Griffin Middle School, Eric Yang
12 triumphed at the Texas National Geographic Bee on April 3, 2009,
13 without missing a single question; and

14 WHEREAS, At the National Bee in Washington, Mr. Yang competed
15 against 54 youngsters from across the nation; though he missed one
16 question in the preliminary round, he had a perfect record during
17 the final rounds, and he won on the third question of a tiebreaker
18 round by correctly identifying Romania as the home of Timis County;
19 as the national champion, he will receive a \$25,000 college
20 scholarship and a trip to the Galapagos Islands; and

21 WHEREAS, Eric Yang is an exemplary young Texan whose talent
22 and hard work have made him a champion, and he has indeed won great
23 distinction for himself, his school, and his community; now,
24 therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Eric Yang on winning the 2009
3 National Geographic Bee and extend to him sincere best wishes for
4 continued success and a bright future; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2706 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House