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H.R. No. 2833

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Through their participation in the *Speak Up! Speak*
2 *Out!* program, students at Akins High School, Garza High School, and
3 LBJ High School in Austin are discovering the many ways they can
4 make a difference in their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, An initiative of the Annette Strauss Institute for
6 Civic Participation at The University of Texas at Austin, *Speak Up!*
7 *Speak Out!* is an innovative civic education program that allows
8 high school students to identify community problems and develop
9 creative and viable solutions; working in teams, the students
10 present their findings to area leaders at the annual spring civics
11 fair, which was held this year on May 21, 2009, on the UT-Austin
12 campus; and

13 WHEREAS, Teachers Linda O'Neal of Akins High, Martha Cason of
14 Garza High, and Mark Cunningham of LBJ High have demonstrated
15 outstanding leadership in their work with the *Speak Up! Speak Out!*
16 programs at their schools; these educators, in cooperation with
17 staff, mentors, and volunteer judges, play an important role in
18 encouraging our youth to take an interest in civic matters; and

19 WHEREAS, A democratic form of government depends on the
20 informed participation of its people, and the skills and knowledge
21 gained through *Speak Up! Speak Out!* are preparing many young Texans
22 to become engaged, productive citizens of the Lone Star State; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

1 Legislature hereby recognize the students and teachers at Akins,
2 Garza, and LBJ High Schools who participated in *Speak Up! Speak Out!*
3 and commend all those involved in this noteworthy program for their
4 contributions; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the schools and for the Annette Strauss Institute for
7 Civic Participation as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8 House of Representatives.