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H.R. No. 2844

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Northeast Texas Consortium of Colleges and
2 Universities has been selected as the 2009 Outstanding Institution
3 for Commitment to Excellence and Innovation in Distance Education
4 by the Texas Distance Learning Association; and

5 WHEREAS, Known as NETnet, the Northeast Texas Consortium of
6 Colleges and Universities provides curriculum and technology
7 support to 15 public colleges and universities in the region,
8 including The University of Texas at Tyler and Tyler Junior
9 College; the consortium is hosted by The University of Texas Health
10 Science Center at Tyler and is under the leadership of Mickey Slimp;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Guided by a mission to increase access to
13 educational programs for the people of Northeast Texas, NETnet
14 assists more than 20,000 student enrollments a semester through
15 Internet and interactive video teaching; among its current
16 responsibilities are providing the primary connectivity for the
17 nursing and other academic programs at the UT Tyler Palestine
18 Campus, coordinating video connectivity for Tyler Junior College
19 and its dual credit offerings to area high schools, and enabling
20 collaboration between UTHSC at Tyler and Stephen F. Austin State
21 University; and

22 WHEREAS, NETnet greatly enhances higher education
23 opportunities for area residents, and in so doing, it is helping
24 numerous Texans build a brighter future for themselves; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor the Northeast Texas Consortium of Colleges
4 and Universities on its selection as the 2009 Outstanding
5 Institution for Commitment to Excellence and Innovation in Distance
6 Education and extend to all those involved with the organization
7 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for NETnet as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.