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 Horizon High School in El Paso are
3 discovering the many ways they can make a difference in their
4 community; 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, Teacher Andrea Figueroa has demonstrated
14 outstanding leadership in her work with the *Speak Up! Speak Out!*
15 program at Horizon High; in cooperation with the staff, mentors,
16 and volunteer judges who assist with the program, this esteemed
17 educator is playing an admirable role in encouraging our youth to
18 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 *Speak Up! Speak Out!* program and
2 its participants at Horizon High School and commend all those
3 involved in this noteworthy initiative for their contributions;
4 and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2899

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2899 was adopted by the House on June 1, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House