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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In an impressive demonstration of teamwork and 2 resourceful thinking, the Destination ImagiNation Team from Marvin 3 Baker Middle School in Corpus Christi placed third in the Global 4 Finals competition held May 20 through 23, 2009, in Knoxville, 5 Tennessee; and

6 WHEREAS, Destination ImagiNation is an international program 7 that promotes cooperation and creative problem solving among 8 students; teams compete to find innovative solutions to a variety 9 of educational challenges; and

10 WHEREAS, After proving their abilities in local tournaments, 11 the competitors from Baker Middle School advanced to the Global 12 Finals along with other select teams from across the United States 13 and around the world, becoming the first group from their school to 14 earn a spot in the event; and

15 WHEREAS, Turning in an exceptional performance with their 16 project on animal communication, the Corpus Christi students 17 finished in third place out of all the international teams 18 participating in the finals event, and this notable achievement has 19 brought great credit to their school and community; and

20 WHEREAS, The members of the team include Ray Neuberger, Eric 21 Graves, Lora Naismith, Sonya Alexander, Luisa Fuqua, Maddie 22 Buschang, and Alexis Gonzales; the students were guided by team 23 managers Debbie Neuberger, Greg Graves, and Alicia Fuqua; and

24 WHEREAS, Through creativity and hard work, the members of the

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Baker Middle School Team have won the respect of their competitors and classmates, and the confidence, skills, and experience they have gained through the Destination ImagiNation program will be of great benefit to them in their future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas 7 Legislature hereby congratulate the Destination ImagiNation Team 8 from Marvin Baker Middle School for its third-place finish in the 9 Global Finals competition and extend to the students and managers 10 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 12 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas 13 House of Representatives.