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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas Junior State of America is celebrating its
2 20th anniversary in 2011, and this notable milestone in its history
3 is indeed deserving of special recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, An organization run by its membership of high school
5 students, Junior State of America is dedicated to fighting
6 political apathy among young people, training the next generation
7 of citizens for active participation in democracy, educating youth
8 about the federal, state, and local issues that affect their lives,
9 and elevating public discourse and political debate; in Texas, JSA
10 has established chapters on more than 50 high school campuses
11 throughout the state; and

12 WHEREAS, In the course of its history, Texas JSA has
13 sponsored nearly 60 political awareness conventions in addition to
14 annual conferences and other events; these gatherings provide
15 participants with a range of valuable experiences, such as
16 conducting elections and submitting bills to a mock Congress, as
17 well as opportunities to learn from and ask questions of
18 politicians, journalists, and public policy experts; moreover, its
19 Institute on Politics and Presidential Leadership has introduced
20 hundreds of young Texans to policies and individuals that have
21 played an instrumental role in American government; and

22 WHEREAS, Through its efforts to build a more informed and
23 involved citizenry and to develop new leaders, Texas JSA is helping
24 to strengthen the democratic foundations of our state and nation

1 and to prepare young people for the challenges and opportunities of
2 the future; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
4 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Texas Junior
5 State of America on its 20th anniversary and extend to its members
6 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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