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H.C.R. No. 109

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Since its founding, the Bedichek Junior Marine Corps
2 has proven to be a positive force in helping students at Bedichek
3 Middle School in Austin prepare for the future; and

4 WHEREAS, Now in its fifth year, the program serves 167
5 participants, nearly quadrupling in size since its first class of
6 44 students in 2006; the BJMC is designed to instill the values of
7 citizenship, service, and personal responsibility in its cadets as
8 well as provide them with a sense of accomplishment; the program is
9 open to Bedichek students in the sixth through eighth grades and
10 helps participants develop leadership skills, build character, and
11 learn effective self-discipline; the cadets are guided by Staff
12 Sergeant Darrick Norton, a former marine and a member of the
13 school's faculty; and

14 WHEREAS, This innovative program requires its cadets to pass
15 all their courses, demonstrate high moral standards, and adhere to
16 a strict code of conduct; no commitment to future military service
17 is required of BJMC cadets, and the lessons taught by the program
18 are intended to benefit them in all walks of life; and

19 WHEREAS, The Bedichek Junior Marine Corps program helps young
20 people develop a wide range of important skills and values, and it
21 is a pleasure to recognize its contributions; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby honor the Bedichek Junior Marine Corps for its role in
24 developing informed, responsible citizens and extend to all those

1 involved with the program sincere best wishes for continued
2 success; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for the BJMC as an expression of high regard by the Texas
5 House of Representatives and Senate.