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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Faculty, students, and staff of Harmony Public
2 Schools are celebrating a decade of achievements by these notable
3 institutions; and

4 WHEREAS, A college preparatory charter school, Harmony
5 Science Academy was first established in Houston in 2000; today, 33
6 campuses throughout the state offer math, science, engineering, and
7 computer technology focused education to more than 16,000 children
8 enrolled in grades K-12; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition to earning recognition by *U.S. News &*
10 *World Report* as one of the best high schools in the nation, Harmony
11 Public Schools can boast a 100 percent college acceptance rate;
12 moreover, the institution was one of only 52 schools nationwide and
13 the only charter school to earn the National Title I Distinguished
14 School Award for closing the achievement gap; and

15 WHEREAS, Many Harmony campuses are designated as Texas
16 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Initiative
17 Academies, and their worthwhile efforts to promote this vital
18 knowledge base has earned them funding from public groups and such
19 private organizations as the Bill and Melinda Gates and Michael and
20 Susan Dell Foundations; and

21 WHEREAS, Harmony students across the Lone Star State have
22 excelled, winning more than 2,000 awards in local, national, and
23 international science fairs and competitions, and in 2009 the El
24 Paso Academy robotics team was invited to represent the U.S. in the

1 European Open Championship Robotics Competition; and

2 WHEREAS, By providing high-quality educational opportunities
3 for its pupils, Harmony Public Schools help students to build a
4 solid foundation for their future achievement, and in so doing, the
5 schools are ensuring that more young Texans enter the workforce
6 prepared for the challenges of the 21st-century economy; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor Harmony Public Schools on the 10th
10 anniversary of the founding of the first Harmony Science Academy
11 and extend to all those associated with these notable institutions
12 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Harmony Public Schools as an expression of high regard
15 by the Texas House of Representatives.