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H.R. No. 247

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Penny Smeltzer of the Round Rock Independent School
2 District has received the 2010 O'Donnell Texas AP Teacher Award;
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4 WHEREAS, Presented by the Communities Foundation of Texas
5 with support from the David Nathan Meyerson Private Foundation,
6 this prestigious annual award recognizes an advanced placement
7 teacher in a Texas public high school who has excelled in inspiring
8 his or her students to master college-level work and who has
9 contributed significantly to the teaching profession; and

10 WHEREAS, Penny Smeltzer earned her undergraduate degree in
11 history, mathematics, and English from Western Michigan
12 University, and she went on to study statistics at Texas A&M
13 University and Austin Community College; and

14 WHEREAS, A veteran teacher with 31 years of experience, Ms.
15 Smeltzer leads classes in advanced placement statistics at Westwood
16 High School in Round Rock; she introduced her first AP statistics
17 course in 1996, and today she oversees an AP statistics program with
18 an enrollment of more than 200 students; not only is her program one
19 of the largest of its kind in the country, but its students
20 regularly post AP statistics exam scores that exceed the state and
21 national averages; and

22 WHEREAS, In addition to creating innovative strategies to
23 engage and motivate her students, Ms. Smeltzer has worked
24 extensively with the College Board, authoring materials and

1 presenting at conferences; the recipient of numerous other
2 accolades, she was honored for her outstanding teaching by the
3 Texas Exes in 2009 and was named the National AP Teacher of the Year
4 by the Siemens Foundation in 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, The advanced placement teachers of Texas play a
6 vital role in preparing their students for academic achievement,
7 and Penny Smeltzer's ability to inspire her students through her
8 skill, energy, and generosity has put her in the front rank of Texas
9 educators; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Penny Smeltzer on her receipt of
12 the 2010 O'Donnell Texas AP Teacher Award and extend to her sincere
13 best wishes for continued success in her important work; and, be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Ms. Smeltzer as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.