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H.R. No. 370

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Burleson has been named one of the 100
2 Best Communities for Young People by America's Promise Alliance,
3 which announced the winners of its most recent competition in
4 September 2010; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1997 by General Colin Powell, America's
6 Promise Alliance is a coalition of more than 400 corporations,
7 nonprofits, faith-based organizations, advocacy groups, and
8 individuals that have banded together to improve the lives of
9 America's youth and to dramatically raise the percentage of
10 teenagers in this country who graduate from high school; to
11 accomplish those goals, the alliance works to ensure that children
12 receive the basic support they need in order to thrive; this
13 support, which the alliance calls the Five Promises, encompasses
14 caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, an effective
15 education, and opportunities to help others; and

16 WHEREAS, The alliance launched its contest in 2005 to
17 celebrate the communities that are the most successful in providing
18 their children with the Five Promises; presented by the ING
19 Foundation, the competition is open to any community that makes the
20 welfare of its young people a priority; and

21 WHEREAS, A first-time winner, Burleson was recognized for the
22 many outstanding initiatives it has undertaken with regard to its
23 youth; determined to keep the Five Promises and guided by a
24 framework for action developed by the National League of Cities,

1 Burleson has instituted the Mayor's Youth Council, which gives
2 young people a voice in local government; it has also created the
3 Burleson Opportunity Fund, a collaboration between the city, the
4 Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce, the Burleson Independent School
5 District, nearby colleges, and local businesses that distributes
6 scholarships to high school graduates, and it has established a
7 number of programs to help students succeed in school and gain a
8 greater awareness of educational and career possibilities; in
9 addition, Burleson has attracted new health facilities that make
10 health care for children more accessible; and

11 WHEREAS, Burleson was honored, along with the other winners
12 of the alliance competition, at a ceremony held on September 21,
13 2010, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.; and

14 WHEREAS, The city of Burleson has demonstrated its ongoing
15 commitment to guaranteeing its children the resources they need to
16 reach their full potential, making it a worthy recipient of this
17 prestigious award; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate the citizens of Burleson on their
20 city's recognition as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young
21 People and commend them for their dedicated efforts in behalf of
22 local youth; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for the city of Burleson as an expression of high regard by
25 the Texas House of Representatives.