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H.R. No. 384

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Misa Watanabe of Makuhari, Japan, is touring Austin
2 on February 14, 2011, and her visit to the State Capitol helps to
3 reinforce the long-standing bonds of friendship between the people
4 of her nation and the State of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, The daughter of Kunio and Reiko Watanabe, Ms.
6 Watanabe grew up in Chiba, Tokyo, and graduated from Inage High
7 School in 2009; this former exchange student previously spent time
8 in the state when she lived in Houston with the Joyner family;
9 currently, she is studying international business at Rikkyo
10 University in Ikebukuro; a talented pianist and an avid music fan,
11 she also enjoys a number of hobbies, including table tennis,
12 running, bike riding, and reading; and

13 WHEREAS, Just as young Texans benefit by spending time
14 abroad, students from other countries gain valuable insights into
15 the history and culture of the Lone Star State by enjoying the
16 famous hospitality of Texans; the bridges of understanding that are
17 built when young men and women travel internationally play a vital
18 role in helping the next generation of leaders develop and prosper
19 in our increasingly global society; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Watanabe's visit to the State Capitol provides a
21 fitting opportunity to welcome her back to the Lone Star State and
22 to celebrate the intellectual curiosity and spirit of adventure
23 shared by all world travelers; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

1 Legislature hereby recognize Misa Watanabe as an honorary Texan and
2 extend to her sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable
3 visit to Austin; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Ms. Watanabe as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives.