

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Taylor Levy of Wichita Falls won first place in the
2 2010-2011 Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy essay
3 competition; and

4 WHEREAS, A 17-year-old senior at S. H. Rider High School, Ms.
5 Levy was chosen over nearly 2,000 other Texas high school students
6 for her entry about the challenges facing her generation; she
7 argues in her essay that, for all their differences with earlier
8 generations, young people today share the innately American values
9 of a strong work ethic, ingenuity, and unity of spirit that will
10 enable them to play an important part in the continuing progress of
11 our nation; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Levy was sponsored by Burkburnett Memorial Post
13 10455 of the VFW, and in recognition of her achievement she received
14 a \$6,000 scholarship from the Texas Motorcycle Group; in addition,
15 this outstanding young Texan's state victory qualified her to
16 represent Texas at the national Voice of Democracy competition in
17 Washington, D.C., in March 2011, where she was recognized with the
18 \$2,000 Cramer/Harrell Scholarship Award; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Levy stated in her essay that her generation
20 "has already begun to play a role in America's future," and her
21 success in the VFW contest exemplifies the type of insight and
22 commitment that will allow her generation to make a positive
23 difference in the world as they embrace their responsibilities as
24 engaged citizens; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Taylor Levy on winning first place
3 in the 2010-2011 Texas VFW Voice of Democracy essay contest and
4 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success and
5 happiness; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1181

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1181 was adopted by the House on April 14, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House