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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Since opening in 2006, the Harmony School of 2 Innovation in Houston has earned a reputation for excellence; and 3 WHEREAS, HSI is part of Harmony Public Schools, a group of 33 K-12 charter schools in Texas operated by the Cosmos Foundation; 4 5 focused on math, science, engineering, and technology, these schools work to provide opportunities for underserved communities; 6 7 and WHEREAS, Consistently rated exemplary by the Texas Education 8 9 Agency, HSI in Houston boasts a college acceptance rate of 100 percent and a dropout rate of zero percent; moreover, HSI students 10 11 have proudly represented the school at a number of major events; and 12 WHEREAS, In 2009, middle school students won the state championship at the Texas Charter School Academic and Athletic 13 14 League (TCSAAL) Math Olympiad, and that same year, HSI took second place in the Cosmos Foundation's COSMOBOT Robotics Competition; in 15 16 both 2009 and 2010, HSI students were among only 100 individuals who qualified to compete at the state National Geographic Bee sponsored 17 by the National Geographic Society; and

18 WHEREAS, Most recently, a middle school team from HSI took 19 first place at the 2011 TCSAAL Chess Tournament, while one student 20 placed second in the individual competition; in addition, a team of 21 fifth through seventh graders from HSI won the Youngest Engineers 22 23 Award at the Harmony Robotics League contest in Dallas; and

24 WHEREAS, Thanks to inspiring and dedicated teachers and an

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- 1 atmosphere that encourages both discipline and creative thinking,
- 2 the students of the Harmony School of Innovation are receiving a
- 3 strong educational foundation on which to build; now, therefore, be
- 4 it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 6 Legislature hereby honor the Harmony School of Innovation for its
- 7 achievements and extend to its students and faculty sincere best
- 8 wishes for continued success; and, be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 10 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 11 House of Representatives.