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H.R. No. 1512

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Native Texan Wendy Kopp has made a significant
2 contribution to public education as the founder and CEO of Teach For
3 America; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of Highland Park High School in Dallas,
5 Ms. Kopp earned her bachelor's degree from Princeton University in
6 1989; for her undergraduate thesis, she proposed the creation of a
7 program that would allow top college students to make a positive
8 difference in the world by teaching in economically disadvantaged
9 schools; she went on to make that vision a reality by founding Teach
10 For America in 1990; as a 21-year-old, this remarkable Texan raised
11 \$2.5 million in start-up funding, hired a staff, and recruited 500
12 men and women from across the country who shared her vision; and

13 WHEREAS, Today, under Ms. Kopp's able guidance, Teach For
14 America benefits more than 500,000 students; currently, the
15 organization recruits, trains, and employs 8,000 teachers who serve
16 in 39 regions across the country; these recent college graduates
17 and professionals commit to two years of service in urban and rural
18 schools in low-income communities, and in Texas, their
19 contributions are bolstering student achievement in the Rio Grande
20 Valley, Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio; and

21 WHEREAS, With passion and determination, Wendy Kopp has
22 dedicated more than two decades to improving public education, and
23 in so doing, she is helping to transform the lives of countless
24 young men and women across the state and nation; now, therefore, be

1 it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby commend Wendy Kopp for her exceptional social
4 entrepreneurship and extend to her sincere best wishes for
5 continued success with her important work in behalf of educational
6 equity and excellence; and, be it further

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