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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, BEST Robotics is contributing greatly to the
2 education of young Texans and the future of the Lone Star State
3 through its efforts to inspire students to pursue careers in
4 engineering, science, and technology; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in Grayson County in 1993, BEST Robotics
6 hosts an annual contest for middle and high school students to
7 provide them with a real-world engineering experience that
8 incorporates the practical application of math and science and
9 helps the students to become more technologically literate; and

10 WHEREAS, Participation in BEST Robotics encourages young
11 people to develop leadership, project management, teamwork, and
12 organizational skills and increases their confidence and
13 competence as they undertake decision making, abstract thinking,
14 problem solving, and self-directed learning; and

15 WHEREAS, Texas and the United States face a critical shortage
16 of engineers and technical workers, and science, technology,
17 engineering, and mathematics education is crucial to maintaining
18 the position of the United States as a leader in a global
19 technology-based economy; to solve this crisis, local school
20 districts, nontraditional education groups, and other
21 organizations must work together as partners; and

22 WHEREAS, A number of nonprofit and volunteer-driven
23 organizations are already achieving significant progress toward
24 the goal of greater scientific and technological literacy, and BEST

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1 Robotics's outstanding accomplishments in this endeavor are indeed
2 deserving of commendation; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize May 17, 2011, as BEST Robotics Day at
5 the State Capitol and extend to all those associated with the
6 organization sincere best wishes for continued success.