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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Amber Pickens of Dallas has been admitted to The  
2 Juilliard School, and it is indeed fitting to recognize this  
3 talented young dancer as she prepares to embark on the next exciting  
4 chapter of her life; and

5           WHEREAS, A senior at Booker T. Washington High School for the  
6 Performing and Visual Arts in the Dallas Independent School  
7 District, Ms. Pickens is the only Texan and one of only 12 women  
8 accepted into the dance division at Juilliard for the 2011-2012  
9 academic year; she will enter the four-year fine arts program,  
10 which incorporates a liberal arts curriculum; in addition, she has  
11 received a fellowship to study at the Alvin Ailey American Dance  
12 Theater in New York this summer; and

13           WHEREAS, Ms. Pickens performed in the Repertory Dance Company  
14 at Booker T. Washington, and she made her acting debut as the Fairy  
15 Moth in the Dallas Theater Center's production of *A Midsummer*  
16 *Night's Dream*; comfortable in front of the cameras as well as  
17 onstage, she is featured as a ballerina princess in national  
18 advertisements for the Make-A-Wish Foundation; and

19           WHEREAS, In 2008, the Texas Commission on the Arts selected  
20 Ms. Pickens as a Texas Young Master of the Arts, and she received a  
21 three-year annual grant that allowed her to attend classes at the  
22 Alvin Ailey school; her numerous accolades also include an  
23 honorable mention from the National Foundation for Advancement in  
24 the Arts for her achievements in modern and African dance; and

1           WHEREAS, With her remarkable talent and commitment to  
2 excellence, this young Texan can reflect with pride on her  
3 accomplishments thus far while looking forward to a future bright  
4 with promise; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Amber Pickens on her acceptance to  
7 The Juilliard School and extend to her sincere best wishes for  
8 continued success; and, be it further

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