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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Students from Franklin High School in El Paso took  
2 first place in the 2011 Stock Market Game Legislative Challenge  
3 sponsored by the Texas Council on Economic Education; and

4           WHEREAS, The Stock Market Game online investing simulation  
5 was created by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets  
6 Association Foundation to help the nation's students learn how  
7 markets work and how to manage their personal finances; and

8           WHEREAS, Administered in Texas by the TCEE, the Stock Market  
9 Game allows students to apply their math, social studies, language,  
10 and critical thinking skills and invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in  
11 real stocks, bonds, and mutual funds; the Legislative Challenge  
12 invites one team from each of the legislative districts in Texas to  
13 compete to increase the value of their virtual online investment  
14 trading account over a period of 10 weeks; and

15           WHEREAS, Franklin High School students won the competition  
16 with a seven percent gain in the value of their portfolio; the team  
17 consists of five members, including senior Maddison Kahner Dowdy,  
18 senior Alejandro Marquez, senior Mariana Villanueva, junior  
19 Natalie Felsen, and junior Katherine Nielson, and it was supported  
20 by faculty adviser Carl McCaig; and

21           WHEREAS, Through hard work, talent, and discipline, these  
22 outstanding young people gained valuable insight into the workings  
23 of the financial world and earned distinction for themselves and  
24 their school; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Maddison Kahner Dowdy, Alejandro  
3 Marquez, Mariana Villanueva, Natalie Felsen, and Katherine Nielson  
4 from Franklin High School in El Paso on their first-place finish in  
5 the Stock Market Game Legislative Challenge sponsored by the Texas  
6 Council on Economic Education, and extend to them sincere best  
7 wishes for continued success in all of their endeavors; and, be it  
8 further

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