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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Matthew Curtis was named the 2011 Austinite of the  
2 Year at the Austin Under 40 Awards on February 26, 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, The awards are sponsored by Austin's Young Women's  
4 Alliance and Young Men's Business League to pay tribute to emerging  
5 leaders who excel in their professions and exhibit a solid  
6 commitment to community service; Mr. Curtis was the award winner in  
7 the category of government/public affairs; and

8 WHEREAS, Currently the communications director for Austin  
9 Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Matt Curtis first became involved in  
10 political action as a young boy when he distributed flyers  
11 door-to-door in his hometown of Binghamton, New York; his family  
12 moved to Round Rock when he was nine, and he attended the University  
13 of North Texas and then worked as a consultant on campaigns from  
14 1996 to 2003 while he was employed as a media and film publicist; he  
15 was a special assistant to Austin's previous mayor, Will Wynn, from  
16 2004 to 2006 and then served as assistant director of business and  
17 community development at Capital Metro; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis has contributed greatly to the  
19 decommissioning of the Green Water Treatment Plant, the conversion  
20 of Cesar Chavez Street to a two-way boulevard, and the city's  
21 efforts during the Hurricane Katrina relief effort; known as a  
22 problem solver, he works on Mayor Leffingwell's initiatives  
23 relating to economic development and public works, and he is the  
24 point of contact for the music, film, and interactive industries;

1 additionally, he represented the mayor during Austin's successful  
2 effort to recruit Facebook; and

3 WHEREAS, This public-spirited citizen is a member of the  
4 board of Students of the World, has served on the boards of Meals on  
5 Wheels and More, Austin Pets Alive!, and the Heritage Society of  
6 Austin, and has been active in publicity and fund-raising efforts  
7 of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas, the Rainforest  
8 Project, and Art Alliance Austin, to name just a few; and

9 WHEREAS, Texas communities benefit immeasurably from the  
10 dedication of committed individuals like Matt Curtis, who has  
11 worked tirelessly in service to others, and he indeed merits  
12 special recognition for his achievements; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Matthew Curtis on being named the  
15 2011 Austinite of the Year at the Austin Under 40 Awards and extend  
16 to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Mr. Curtis as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
19 House of Representatives.