

By: Elkins

H.R. No. 2359

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Niaha Dyson, a seventh-grader at the Girls and Boys
2 Preparatory Academy in Houston, won third place honors at the
3 inaugural African American National Spelling Bee Championships on
4 May 14, 2011, in Houston; and

5 WHEREAS, The goal of the African American National Spelling
6 Bee Championships is to improve the spelling skills of African
7 American middle school students, which in turn helps them to raise
8 their reading level and expand their vocabulary; by preparing for
9 the spelling bee, young people develop confidence and discipline,
10 traits that are necessary to excel academically; and

11 WHEREAS, Students from across Houston competed in two rounds
12 of spelling bees for the opportunity to go to the main event; after
13 advancing through the regional competition, Niaha Dyson came in
14 third place at the championships, and she was sponsored for the
15 contest by her teacher, Brenda Upton; and

16 WHEREAS, This notable young Texan has distinguished herself
17 with her hard work, determination, and poise under pressure, and
18 she may indeed look forward to a future that is bright with promise;
19 now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Niaha Dyson on placing third at the
22 African American National Spelling Bee Championships and extend to
23 her sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and,
24 be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Niaha Dyson as an expression of high regard by the
3 Texas House of Representatives.