

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Through the establishment of the African American
2 National Spelling Bee Championships, Inc., Robert L. Garner, Jr.,
3 is making a difference in the lives of many young people in the
4 Houston area; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Garner organized the Houston Inaugural Spelling
6 Bee to encourage African American youth to learn about the origin
7 and spelling of words, to increase their vocabularies, and to
8 develop confidence; the event took place on May 14, 2011, at Jack
9 Yates Senior High School, with middle school students from a number
10 of institutions in the area participating; seventh-graders Mary
11 Bello, Ashley Williams, and Niaha Dyson from Girls and Boys Prep
12 Academy in Houston earned first-, second-, and third-place honors;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Garner, a successful businessman, is a community
15 advisor for Precinct 2 in Fort Bend County and also volunteers his
16 time with the Houston Parks and Recreation Department; as a student
17 he struggled with reading, but found that by focusing on his
18 spelling, he was able to improve both his comprehension and his
19 self-assurance; and

20 WHEREAS, Seeking to move today's youth from the video store
21 to the bookstore, this outstanding Texan has demonstrated his
22 praiseworthy support of African American students in his community,
23 and his efforts to reach and inspire young people are truly
24 deserving of commendation; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature hereby commend Robert L. Garner, Jr., founder of the
3 African American National Spelling Bee Championships, Inc., and
4 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Mr. Garner as an expression of high regard by the Texas
7 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2367 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House