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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of her expert response to a difficult
2 9-1-1 call, LaKisha Hammonds of the Memorial Villages Police
3 Department has been named a 2011 Telecommunicator of the Year by the
4 Commission on State Emergency Communications; and

5 WHEREAS, The CSEC annually honors a select set of
6 professionals for their exemplary handling of a specific emergency
7 call; and

8 WHEREAS, On October 1, 2010, Ms. Hammonds took a call from a
9 mother in distress, who said that her 13-year-old daughter had run
10 away; Ms. Hammonds dispatched officers to talk to the mother, who
11 said her daughter had not been at school when she went to pick her up
12 that afternoon; and

13 WHEREAS, Through a series of subsequent calls with the mother
14 and several of the girl's friends, Ms. Hammonds learned that the
15 girl had talked about running away on a social networking site; Ms.
16 Hammonds also learned that the girl had a cell phone with her, and
17 she immediately asked the wireless provider to help locate the
18 phone; and

19 WHEREAS, The girl was eventually discovered with an adult
20 companion near the Mexican border; the two were stopped by the U.S.
21 Border Patrol and taken into custody by the Del Rio Police
22 Department, and the girl was promptly returned to her grateful
23 mother; and

24 WHEREAS, Through her sound judgment, quick thinking, and

1 persistence, LaKeshha Hammonds helped ensure a positive conclusion
2 to a potentially devastating situation, and she is indeed deserving
3 of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate LaKeshha Hammonds on her receipt of
6 a 2011 Telecommunicator of the Year award from the Commission on
7 State Emergency Communications and extend to her sincere best
8 wishes for continued success with her important work; and, be it
9 further

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