

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Student Spaceflight Experiments Program has
2 selected an experiment designed by fifth grade students from Willis
3 Independent School District to be conducted on the International
4 Space Station; and

5 WHEREAS, Established to promote the sciences, the SSEP is a
6 national competition in which students from across the country
7 design and write proposals for experiments to be conducted in
8 microgravity; there is a multistep selection process similar to the
9 review procedures that professional scientists follow for funding,
10 and a local review board chooses three finalist applications from
11 the community to be judged by experts at the national level; and

12 WHEREAS, Danielle Pierce of Turner Elementary, Daniel Perez
13 of Hardy Elementary, and Kalysta Gutierrez, Leiloni Zachary, Safira
14 Reyes, and Selma Nieniel of Parmley Elementary submitted a winning
15 proposal concerning whether savoy cabbage seeds can germinate in
16 microgravity; the fifth graders chose this plant because of its
17 nutritional value and the potential benefits it could confer on
18 astronauts' diets; and

19 WHEREAS, In posing a useful question, designing a workable
20 experiment, and effectively communicating their justifications,
21 these outstanding young Texans have demonstrated impressive
22 critical thinking, and they truly merit special recognition for
23 their initiative and achievement; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Danielle Pierce, Daniel Perez,
2 Kalysta Gutierrez, Leiloni Zachary, Safira Reyes, and Selma Nieniel
3 on the selection of their science project by the Student
4 Spaceflight Experiments Program to be conducted on the
5 International Space Station; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
7 for the students, their schools, and Willis ISD as an expression of
8 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 335 was adopted by the House on
February 18, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House