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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Association of Mediators is holding its 2 Annual Conference in Dallas on February 22 and 23, 2013, and this 3 occasion provides a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to the vital 4 role that professional mediators play in resolving civil disputes; 5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mediators work to facilitate communication between 7 parties involved in a wide range of disagreements, with the goal of 8 reaching a fair and equitable settlement that fits the needs of all 9 participants; as mediation often serves as an alternative to 10 litigation, it can also be an effective way of reducing backlog in 11 the justice system; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1985, the Texas Association of Mediators represents mediators from all professional backgrounds and practice areas; in addition to promoting the use of mediation, the organization sponsors training opportunities with renowned leaders in the field; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Association of Mediators, its membership, and mediators across the state have helped to peacefully resolve countless conflicts with creative and effective solutions, and in so doing, they have greatly benefited their fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas Legislature hereby recognize February 22 and 23, 2013, as Texas Association of Mediators Days in the State of Texas and extend to

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all those attending the annual conference sincere best wishes for a
meaningful and memorable event; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 4 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the 5 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 351 was adopted by the House on February 19, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House