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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Shana Perez of Waco has been named
- 2 the Division 4 Young Marine of the Year by the Young Marines youth
- 3 organization; and
- WHEREAS, The Young Marines is a nonprofit initiative that
- 5 promotes mental, moral, and physical development among young people
- 6 by teaching the values of leadership, teamwork, and
- 7 self-discipline; founded in 1959, the organization has grown to
- 8 include more than 300 units with 10,000 youth participants and
- 9 3,000 adult volunteers; each of its six divisions annually
- 10 recognizes an outstanding member, and those honorees are invited to
- 11 travel to Guam and Iwo Jima with the national director and others;
- 12 the trip will take place in May 2013, when the national Young Marine
- 13 of the Year will be chosen; and
- WHEREAS, A 15-year-old sophomore at Texas Christian Academy,
- 15 Ms. Perez has been a member of the Young Marines since she was
- 16 eight, and she holds the rank of sergeant major; she has
- 17 participated in regimental and divisional encampments and in three
- 18 leadership schools, and she has visited space camp in Huntsville,
- 19 Alabama, as well as Hawaii during the 70th anniversary of the
- 20 bombing of Pearl Harbor; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Ms. Perez is one of five children, all of whom are
- 22 active in the Young Marines; she is an avid basketball player and
- 23 hopes to pursue the sport in college; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Shana Perez has demonstrated maturity, good

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- 1 judgment, and dedication to her fellow Young Marines, and she may
- 2 indeed take pride in this well-deserved accolade; now, therefore,
- 3 be it
- 4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
- 5 Legislature hereby congratulate Shana Perez on her selection as the
- 6 2013 Division 4 Young Marine of the Year and extend to her sincere
- 7 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 9 prepared for Ms. Perez as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 10 House of Representatives.