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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Ally Smith, a senior at Stephenville High School, 2 has been selected as a 2013 Texas All-State Choir member by the 3 Texas Music Educators Association, and this fine showing indeed 4 merits special recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, The All-State designation is the highest honor that 6 a Texas music student can receive; more than 55,000 students from 7 across the state audition for about 1,500 places in one of 13 8 All-State bands, orchestras, and choirs; those who win the coveted 9 recognition attend the TMEA clinic in San Antonio, where they 10 participate in three days of intense rehearsals and perform in 11 concert; and

12 WHEREAS, The daughter of James and Kimber Smith, Ally Smith has been a member of the Stephenville High School Choir for four 13 years and currently serves as its president; she has participated 14 in three Sweepstakes Varsity Women's and two Sweepstakes Varsity 15 16 Mixed Choirs and has been a three-time soloist at the Texas State Solo-Ensemble competition, where she received recognition as an 17 "Outstanding Soloist" during her sophomore year; she 18 is a three-year member of the Region 7 TMEA All-Region Choir, and this 19 20 year marks the second time she has qualified for the All-State Mixed 21 Choir; and

WHEREAS, In addition to participating in vocal ensembles at school, Ms. Smith takes private voice lessons at Tarleton State University from Professor Heather Hawk, showing impressive

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1 commitment to her craft; and

2 WHEREAS, This young Texan is a source of pride to her family, 3 teachers, and fellow students, and her accomplishments are truly 4 worthy of commendation; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas 6 Legislature hereby congratulate Ally Smith on her selection as a 7 member of the 2013 Texas Music Educators Association All-State 8 Choir and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; 9 and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1054 was adopted by the House on March 27, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House