

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Tom Heard has been recognized by Amtrak as a 2012  
2 Champion of the Rails for his notable contributions to the McGregor  
3 station; and

4           WHEREAS, One of Amtrak's President's Safety & Service Awards,  
5 the Champion of the Rails designation honors those individuals who  
6 serve as models for exceeding the company's goals for  
7 organizational excellence; and

8           WHEREAS, The historic McGregor train depot was built in 1904,  
9 but it had largely fallen into disrepair when Mr. Heard intervened;  
10 he completely renovated the interior and exterior of the building,  
11 updating everything from the plumbing to the windows and benches  
12 and paying for the reupholstering himself; today, this stop along  
13 the *Texas Eagle* route, which was largely abandoned before his  
14 efforts, has become a warm and inviting location for passengers,  
15 especially college-bound students; and

16           WHEREAS, Through his outstanding initiative and impressive  
17 hard work, Tom Heard has transformed the McGregor station into a  
18 great source of pride for the community, and his accomplishments  
19 are indeed deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Tom Heard on his receipt of a 2012  
22 Champion of the Rails award from Amtrak and extend to him sincere  
23 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

24           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

H.R. No. 1078

1 prepared for Mr. Heard as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
2 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1078 was adopted by the House on April 3, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House