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H.R. No. 1078

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

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