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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Saint Jo High School student Hunter Tallon won the

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2 Best Use of Research award for her entry in the 2013 It's Your History Contest, sponsored by the Friends of the Governor's 3 Mansion, and for her achievement, she has been invited to meet 4 5 Governor Perry and to tour the Capitol and the Governor's Mansion; and 6 7 WHEREAS, Open to high school students throughout the state, the contest encourages participants to learn more about Texas 8 9 heritage by researching a topic of local history and creating a dynamic presentation on their findings; and 10 11 WHEREAS, Ms. Tallon chose to investigate the Saint Jo Masonic 12 Lodge, which she discovered was chartered in December 1878; in addition to becoming knowledgeable about the group and its mission, 13 14 she found out that members began meeting in their current building in 1953, after their original one was destroyed by a fire; this is 15 Ms. Tallon's second year to earn recognition for her submission to 16 the It's Your History Contest, as she and a fellow student won best 17 overall-group in 2012 for their presentation on Harley Sewell; and 18 WHEREAS, This outstanding Texan 19 young has further 20 distinguished herself through her involvement in extracurricular 21 activities; a member of the varsity track and cheerleading teams, she also plays varsity volleyball, basketball, and golf; moreover, 22 23 she is on the yearbook staff and serves as vice president of the

school's Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America club; in

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- 1 her spare time, she volunteers at the Sandy Lake Rehabilitation and
- 2 Care Center; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Hunter Tallon has demonstrated enthusiasm and
- 4 creativity while honing a range of skills, and she is a source of
- 5 pride to her school and her community; now, therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
- 7 Legislature hereby congratulate Hunter Tallon on winning the Best
- 8 Use of Research award for her entry in the Friends of the Governor's
- 9 Mansion It's Your History Contest and extend to her sincere best
- 10 wishes for continued success; and, be it further
- 11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 12 prepared for Ms. Tallon as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 13 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1249 was adopted by the House on April 17, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House