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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Saint Jo High School student Hunter Tallon won the
2 Best Use of Research award for her entry in the 2013 It's Your
3 History Contest, sponsored by the Friends of the Governor's
4 Mansion, and for her achievement, she has been invited to meet
5 Governor Perry and to tour the Capitol and the Governor's Mansion;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Open to high school students throughout the state,
8 the contest encourages participants to learn more about Texas
9 heritage by researching a topic of local history and creating a
10 dynamic presentation on their findings; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Tallon chose to investigate the Saint Jo Masonic
12 Lodge, which she discovered was chartered in December 1878; in
13 addition to becoming knowledgeable about the group and its mission,
14 she found out that members began meeting in their current building
15 in 1953, after their original one was destroyed by a fire; this is
16 Ms. Tallon's second year to earn recognition for her submission to
17 the It's Your History Contest, as she and a fellow student won best
18 overall-group in 2012 for their presentation on Harley Sewell; and

19 WHEREAS, This outstanding young Texan has further
20 distinguished herself through her involvement in extracurricular
21 activities; a member of the varsity track and cheerleading teams,
22 she also plays varsity volleyball, basketball, and golf; moreover,
23 she is on the yearbook staff and serves as vice president of the
24 school's Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America club; in

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.