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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The BEST Education Foundation celebrates its 20th
2 anniversary in 2013, and this occasion provides an opportunity to
3 recognize the organization's important role in the Garland
4 Independent School District; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded by former GISD superintendent Dr. Jill
6 Shugart and by Ruth Buchholz, a local philanthropist, the BEST
7 Education Foundation promotes academic excellence throughout the
8 district by generating and distributing resources to support
9 schools and their staffs, teachers, and students; and

10 WHEREAS, The organization, overseen by a 17-member board of
11 directors, raises funds from individuals, businesses,
12 corporations, and other groups to offset programming costs; with
13 its partners, the foundation has funded literacy campaigns,
14 technology workshops, confidence-building seminars, professional
15 development, and many other innovative initiatives; and

16 WHEREAS, At the anniversary gala held on January 24, 2013,
17 Keith Reimer, the organization's program specialist, distributed
18 more than \$30,000 to area schools and teachers; and

19 WHEREAS, The BEST Education Foundation helps ensure that
20 Garland schools and teachers have the tools they need to prepare
21 young Texans for the future, and it is a pleasure to recognize the
22 organization for its positive impact on the community; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate the BEST Education Foundation on
2 its 20th anniversary and extend to its staff and board of directors
3 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the foundation as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives.