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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sydney Faye Taylor of Lorena has been named the 2013  
2 Queen of the Waco Cotton Palace; and

3 WHEREAS, Now in its 43rd year of operation, the Waco Cotton  
4 Palace is a vibrant stage show that dramatically reenacts the  
5 history of Waco; the selection of the queen and court is a cherished  
6 tradition that recognizes some of Waco's most accomplished young  
7 people, and Ms. Taylor is indeed a fitting recipient of this  
8 prestigious honor; and

9 WHEREAS, Sydney Taylor is a senior at Lorena High School,  
10 where she is completing the Distinguished Achievement Program; an  
11 outstanding student, she is a member of the National Honor Society,  
12 received the All Academic Award, and is a National Young Leaders  
13 State Scholar and a National Society of High School Scholars  
14 designee; athletically inclined as well, she served as captain of  
15 Lorena's varsity cheer squad for two years, was selected as an  
16 All-American Cheerleader by the National Cheerleaders Association  
17 and the Universal Cheerleaders Association, earned the Leopard  
18 Heart Award, and performed at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
19 Victory Bowl; other school activities include participation in the  
20 Student Council, Spanish Club, and the Diamond Darlings; and

21 WHEREAS, The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bryan Edward Taylor,  
22 this outstanding young Texan is also a caring volunteer; a recent  
23 graduate of the six-year National Charity League of Waco program,  
24 she won its Mother-Daughter Service Award and was the 2013 senior

1 class president; moreover, she is involved in the Peer Assistance  
2 and Leadership program, helps with youth activities at the First  
3 United Methodist Church in Waco, served as a Waco Symphony Golden  
4 Belle, and is her community's nominee for the Waco Rotary Club  
5 Outstanding Youth Citizenship Award; and

6 WHEREAS, Following her high school graduation, Ms. Taylor  
7 will travel throughout the Lone Star State as a NCA instructor, and  
8 she will begin her college career at Texas Christian University in  
9 the fall; and

10 WHEREAS, Sydney Taylor has demonstrated a strong commitment  
11 to excellence as an athlete, a student, and an engaged citizen, and  
12 she may indeed reflect with pride on her achievements and  
13 contributions as she looks forward to the next exciting chapter in  
14 her life; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Sydney Taylor on her selection as  
17 the 2013 Waco Cotton Palace Queen and extend to her best wishes for  
18 continued success; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Ms. Taylor as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
21 House of Representatives.