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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Clear Creek Independent School District
2 Robonauts won three regional robotics tournaments in a row and
3 qualified to compete in the 2013 FIRST Robotics Competition world
4 championship in St. Louis, Missouri; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1989, For Inspiration and Recognition of
6 Science and Technology, or FIRST, encourages young people to take
7 an interest in science and technology and to become leaders in
8 related professions; the organization engages students in
9 mentor-based programs that enhance knowledge in those disciplines
10 while fostering self-confidence, communication, leadership, and
11 other life skills; and

12 WHEREAS, This year, the FIRST tournaments involved a game
13 called Ultimate Ascent, played by two rival alliances of three
14 robots each striving to score goals on a large field; the Clear
15 Creek ISD high school team vanquished 59 competitors from Texas,
16 California, Hawaii, and Mexico to take first place in the Lone Star
17 Regional FIRST contest in March; in addition, the Robonauts won the
18 Engineering Inspiration Award, which acknowledges outstanding
19 efforts to enhance appreciation for engineering at school and in
20 the community; the team went on to achieve two more important
21 victories at the Bayou Regional in Kenner, Louisiana, and the
22 Silicon Valley Regional in San Jose, California; and

23 WHEREAS, The Robonauts program was established 16 years ago
24 as a partnership between NASA's Johnson Space Center and Clear

1 Creek ISD, and it has since made significant strides in advancing
2 community awareness of robotics; moreover, the team has made 16
3 appearances in the FIRST world championship; and

4 WHEREAS, In preparing for competition, the Robonauts
5 collaborate with professional engineers from NASA and local
6 businesses to design and develop a robot; the students acquire
7 skills in project management, programming, and strategic thinking
8 while learning to use sophisticated hardware and software; and

9 WHEREAS, Through their hard work, ingenuity, and commitment
10 to excellence, the talented members of the Robonauts team have
11 carried on a proud tradition of accomplishment, and in so doing,
12 they have earned the lasting admiration of their fellow students
13 and their community; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate the Clear Creek Independent School
16 District high school robotics team on winning three consecutive
17 regional FIRST tournaments and extend to all those associated with
18 the Robonauts program sincere best wishes for continued success;
19 and, be it further

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