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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Conner Christian of Angleton won the 5th Annual YEA!

2 Saunders Scholars National Competition held on April 26, 2013, in 3 Rochester, New York; and WHEREAS, In pursuit of his goal, Conner drafted a 300-word 4 5 essay and was one of only 25 students selected to participate in the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!), which is a yearlong class that 6 7 teaches junior high and high school students the essentials of creating and running a business; through the Saunders Scholars 8 competition, the top business is selected at each YEA! location and 9 these are judged against one another at the national level for the 10 chance to win scholarship money, an appearance on the TV show Shark 11 12 Tank, and a trip to America's Small Business Summit in Washington, D.C., hosted by the United States Chamber of Commerce; for his 13 14 achievement, Conner won \$30,000 toward his college education; and WHEREAS, An eighth grader at Angleton Junior High School, 15 16 Conner participated in the YEA! program sponsored by the Greater Angleton Chamber of Commerce; the 13-year-old grew up farming and 17 ranching, and he created the "Rubber Boot Buddy" to better store wet 18 and dirty boots in the bed of a truck; he has already secured a 19 20 trademark for his invention and has sold nearly 100 of these useful 21 boot racks; the son of proud parents Corey and Sandi Christian, Conner hopes to further build his business while finishing school 22 23 and pursuing his interest in baseball and other extracurricular activities; and 24

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- 1 WHEREAS, Through hard work and innovation, Conner Christian
- 2 has demonstrated the entrepreneurial spirit that is the lifeblood
- 3 of the American economy, and he may reflect with pride on his
- 4 accomplishments as he looks forward to a future bright with
- 5 promise; now, therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
- 7 Legislature hereby congratulate Conner Christian on winning the 5th
- 8 Annual YEA! Saunders Scholars National Competition and extend to
- 9 him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 11 prepared for this outstanding young Texan as an expression of high
- 12 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.