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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Patrick DeJong is graduating as valedictorian of the
2 senior class of Hamilton High School on June 2, 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, Earning the title of valedictorian requires not only
4 intellect and aptitude, but also four years of dedication to the
5 highest academic standards; to attain this coveted distinction,
6 Mr. DeJong demonstrated a thorough understanding of a wide range of
7 subjects, and he finished his career with a grade point average of
8 99.361; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the course of the past four years, Mr. DeJong
10 has participated in a wide variety of extracurricular activities
11 and organizations; a member of the student council, he served as
12 president in his freshman, sophomore, and senior years and as vice
13 president in his junior year; additionally, he has distinguished
14 himself in the UIL news writing, mathematics, computer
15 applications, number sense, and calculator applications contests,
16 and he is a three-time winner in the American Mathematics
17 Competition; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. DeJong has also been involved with the Rotary
19 Challenge Team, the Columbian Squires, and FFA; he was a member of
20 the 2012 first-place Agricultural Mechanics Team at the Texas State
21 Career Development Event Invitational and at the North Central
22 Texas College Invitational, and he won the first-place individual
23 award in Ag Mechanics at the 2013 Texas State CDE Invitational and
24 Stephen F. Austin Invitational; in addition, he has been a member

1 of the varsity football team and has played trumpet in the Hamilton
2 Fighting Bulldog Marching and Concert Band; he has been named to the
3 All-Region Band for the past two years; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of proud parents David and Leslie DeJong,
5 Patrick DeJong has earned the respect and admiration of his
6 teachers and classmates at Hamilton High School, and his
7 exceptional scholastic ability, hard work, and commitment to
8 excellence have opened the way to limitless opportunities for this
9 remarkable young Texan; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Patrick DeJong on being named
12 valedictorian of the Hamilton High School Class of 2013 and extend
13 to him sincere best wishes for continued success as he begins the
14 next exciting chapter of his life; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Mr. DeJong as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 House of Representatives.