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H.R. No. 2527

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Heather Keister of Lubbock has been chosen as the
2 2013 Young Engineer of the Year by the South Plains Chapter of the
3 Texas Society of Professional Engineers; and

4 WHEREAS, The society's prestigious accolade pays tribute to
5 individuals who, early in their careers, have made significant
6 contributions to the engineering community and who are involved in
7 professional organizations and civic activities; and

8 WHEREAS, An alumna of Texas Tech University, from which she
9 earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in civil
10 engineering, Ms. Keister began her career at Parkhill, Smith &
11 Cooper, Inc., in 2003; while there, she performed hydrologic
12 analyses and hydraulic designs for capital drainage projects as
13 well as for transportation, infrastructure, development, solid
14 waste, and public works programs; she currently serves as a project
15 manager with Freese and Nichols, Inc., where she has overseen the
16 successful completion and delivery of stormwater projects across
17 the Lone Star State; most recently, she was the engineer of record
18 for the design and construction of the Northwest Lubbock Drainage
19 Improvements Project, Phase 1, which demonstrated Ms. Keister's
20 technical skills in heavy civil design and construction; and

21 WHEREAS, This esteemed professional has served as director
22 and scholarship chair of the South Plains TSPE, as secretary and
23 treasurer of the South Plains Branch of the Texas Public Works
24 Association, and as a steering committee member of Women in Science

1 Endeavors; she has also contributed to her community through her
2 involvement in Hope Lutheran Church and School, the Lubbock Area
3 Foundation, and the Lubbock Area Republican Women and through her
4 volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity and youth soccer; and

5 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Ms. Keister has enjoyed the
6 love and support of her husband, Ronnie Keister; the couple are the
7 proud parents of two daughters, Emily and Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, Heather Keister has achieved notable success in her
9 profession, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring her for her
10 contributions to her professional community; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Heather Keister on her selection
13 as the 2013 Young Engineer of the Year by the South Plains Chapter
14 of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers and extend to her
15 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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