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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Students from Midway Middle School in Hewitt have  
2 earned a number of honors in the 2013 Texas History Day competition;  
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4           WHEREAS, Part of National History Day, Texas History Day is a  
5 yearlong program that offers students an opportunity to develop  
6 research and critical thinking skills while gaining deeper  
7 historical knowledge; students who take part in the program conduct  
8 research on a particular topic and then present what they have  
9 learned in one of a variety of forms, which range from papers,  
10 performances, and exhibits to documentaries and interpretive  
11 websites; district and regional History Day contests culminate in  
12 the statewide fair at the end of the school year; the theme for the  
13 2013 competition was "Turning Points in History: People, Ideas,  
14 Events"; and

15           WHEREAS, At the Heart of Texas Regional History Fair, held at  
16 Baylor University on February 14 and 15, Midway students excelled  
17 in both the individual and group events; in the individual exhibit  
18 category, Nathaniel Morgan received first place and Henry Beard  
19 took second; in the group exhibit division, Will Hilliard and  
20 Cameron Russell took first place and also received awards from the  
21 Daughters of the American Revolution and the Colonial Dames of  
22 America, while Caroline Howell, Rachel Howell, Morgan Howell, and  
23 Zoe Recks claimed second place and Joe Micus and Tyler Whitley  
24 earned honorable mention; in the historical papers division, Phoebe

1 Park took second place, Ally Brown took third, and Miriam McCormick  
2 received honorable mention; and

3 WHEREAS, Midway students garnered additional awards at the  
4 statewide contest, which was held at the Bob Bullock Texas State  
5 History Museum and at The University of Texas at Austin on May 3 and  
6 4; during that event, Henry Beard was singled out for  
7 "distinguished achievement" for his individual exhibit,  
8 "Gyroscopes and Apollo Three Axis of Rotational Turning," and  
9 Nathaniel Morgan was similarly cited for his project, "Battle of  
10 Little Bighorn: The Indians' Last Stand"; in the historical paper  
11 division, Phoebe Park earned distinguished achievement  
12 acknowledgment for her paper, "Kindertransport: A Turning Point in  
13 the British Immigration Policy as the Unprecedented Rescue  
14 Mission," for which she also received a Jewish History Award; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to the students' impressive  
16 performances, Midway teacher Leaslie Deville was honored at the  
17 regional contest with the Calvin B. Smith Award, which is presented  
18 each year to a teacher who excels in preparing students for History  
19 Day competition; fellow teachers Shelby Milam and Vicki Adams also  
20 played an essential role in helping their students attain  
21 recognition; and

22 WHEREAS, Many hours of hard work have paid off for these  
23 talented young Texans and their teachers, and they are a great  
24 source of pride to their school and their community; now,  
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
27 Legislature hereby congratulate Nathaniel Morgan, Henry Beard,

1 Will Hilliard, Cameron Russell, Caroline Howell, Rachel Howell,  
2 Morgan Howell, Zoe Recks, Joe Micus, Tyler Whitley, Phoebe Park,  
3 Ally Brown, and Miriam McCormick on their achievements in the 2013  
4 Texas History Day competition and extend to them sincere best  
5 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

6       RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
7 for the students as an expression of high regard by the Texas House  
8 of Representatives.