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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the 2014-2015 Leadership Waxahachie
2 class are gathering at the State Capitol on February 19, 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, The city of Waxahachie is home to a population of
4 some 31,500 people, who benefit from a thriving business
5 environment and numerous cultural resources; known as the Crape
6 Myrtle Capital of Texas, Waxahachie is also thought of by many as
7 the Gingerbread City because of its lovingly maintained Victorian
8 homes, which give an idyllic ambience to many neighborhoods and
9 areas; each year, thousands of visitors come to walk the city's
10 historic streets and to experience the wealth of festivals and
11 events that are held throughout the calendar year; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1991, members of the city's chamber of commerce
13 initiated Leadership Waxahachie, a program that enables engaged
14 residents to learn more about the industry, history, and culture of
15 this vibrant community and about the roles and responsibilities
16 that they have as city leaders; each participating class is
17 afforded the opportunity to work with representatives of municipal,
18 school district, and civic organizations, who assist them in
19 reaching goals and setting targets for improvement; and

20 WHEREAS, The 2014-2015 members of Leadership Waxahachie are
21 Sharon Johnson, Travis Kiser, Andy Lehmann, Amy Lockhart, Kelly
22 Martin, Derica Peters, Adrian Sanchez, Marni White, and Lynn
23 Whitehair; and

24 WHEREAS, The group is joined by past participants and

1 advisors Jeanie Blake, Kerric Bradford, Scott Brooks, Kevin
2 Chester, Michael Cloonen, Cindy Hess, Claudia James, Kay Leath,
3 Dr. Michael Leath, Dr. David Lewis, Janet Magee, Peggy McCormick,
4 Teresa McNiell, Jimmy Poarch, Boney Ramsey, Richard Rozier, Paul
5 Stevens, Beth Boles-Terminella, Lance Wallace, and Jackie Wray, as
6 well as by Mayor Kevin Strength and Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce
7 president Debra Wakeland; and

8 WHEREAS, The Leadership Waxahachie program encourages and
9 empowers citizens to strive for success and to be actively involved
10 in their community, and all those taking part in and sponsoring this
11 worthy endeavor are most deserving of special legislative praise;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize the Leadership Waxahachie delegation
15 on their visit to the State Capitol and commend all those associated
16 with the program for their significant contributions to the
17 betterment of Texas; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Leadership Waxahachie as an expression of high regard
20 by the Texas House of Representatives.