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H.R. No. 714

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Pioneers Youth Leadership Program is
2 contributing immeasurably to the Texas Hill Country and South Texas
3 regions by working to develop the community leaders of tomorrow;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Created to help encourage in high school students
6 the desire and potential to effect meaningful change within their
7 communities, this notable initiative cultivates positive character
8 traits in participants and engages their critical thinking skills
9 through training and experience; during the 2014-2015 school year,
10 145 students are taking part in the program, which operates in nine
11 school districts across Dimmit, Edwards, Kimble, Mason, Real,
12 Travis, and Uvalde Counties; and

13 WHEREAS, The Pioneers Youth Leadership Program supports
14 learning through action, and on January 21 and 22, 2015, these fine
15 young Texans and their director, Real County Judge Garry Merritt,
16 visited the Capitol for their State Leadership Forum; in addition
17 to meeting with elected officials, students attended workshops with
18 staff members from the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Department
19 of Agriculture, and the Texas Water Development Board to gain a
20 greater understanding of public issues of importance to rural
21 communities; and

22 WHEREAS, Through its efforts to build a more informed and
23 involved citizenry, the Pioneers Youth Leadership Program is
24 helping to create a brighter and more promising future for the Lone

1 Star State; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor the Pioneers Youth Leadership Program for
4 its work to promote community service and personal growth among
5 young Texans and extend to all those affiliated with the group
6 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the program as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.