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H.R. No. 824

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Danashiya Pritchard, an eighth grade student at
2 Parkland Middle School in El Paso, has brought great credit to
3 herself and her community through her artistic talent and her
4 enthusiastic volunteer efforts; and

5 WHEREAS, At age six, while receiving treatment for
6 sickle-cell anemia, Danashiya became involved in Project Arts in
7 Motion, an initiative sponsored by the nonprofit organization
8 Creative Kids to introduce pediatric patients in El Paso to the
9 visual arts; over the years, she has grown to be a valued member of
10 the program, and when Project AIM was recognized with the National
11 Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award in 2013, she was chosen to
12 speak at the White House alongside First Lady Michelle Obama; in
13 addition, one of her paintings, *The Vase of Flowers*, was displayed
14 in the East Room during the ceremony; and

15 WHEREAS, This remarkable young Texan has continued to play an
16 active role in her community; she served as a marshal for the El
17 Paso Black History Parade in February 2014 and that same year
18 appeared as a guest speaker at the third annual Three Wish Circus;
19 she also donated an original piece of artwork to the event's live
20 auction, helping Three Wish Circus to raise more than \$175,000 for
21 the El Paso Regional Office of Make-A-Wish North Texas; and

22 WHEREAS, A talented artist with a generous spirit, Danashiya
23 Pritchard is making a positive difference in the city she calls
24 home, and she is a source of inspiration to all who know her; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby commend Danashiya Pritchard for her creative
4 achievements and her commitment to charitable work in El Paso and
5 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
6 further

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