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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Brooke Demars, an eighth-grader at Frank Black
- 2 Middle School in Houston, won the African American National
- 3 Spelling Bee Championships on February 28, 2015, in Houston; and
- WHEREAS, The goal of the African American National Spelling
- 5 Bee Championships is to improve the spelling skills of African
- 6 American middle school students, which in turn helps them to raise
- 7 their reading level and expand their vocabulary; by preparing for
- 8 the spelling bee, young people develop confidence and discipline,
- 9 traits that are necessary to excel academically; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Students from across Houston competed in two rounds
- 11 of spelling bees for the opportunity to go to the main event; after
- 12 advancing through the regional competition, Brooke Demars took
- 13 first place at the national championships; and
- WHEREAS, This notable young Texan has distinguished herself
- 15 with her hard work, determination, and poise under pressure, and
- 16 she may indeed look forward to a future that is bright with promise;
- 17 now, therefore, be it
- 18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
- 19 Legislature hereby congratulate Brooke Demars on winning the
- 20 African American National Spelling Bee Championships and extend to
- 21 her sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and,
- 22 be it further
- 23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 24 prepared for Brooke Demars as an expression of high regard by the

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1 Texas House of Representatives.