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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Zion Wren, a student at WALIPP-TSU Preparatory 2 Academy in Houston, won third-place honors at the African American 3 National Spelling Bee Championships on February 28, 2015, in 4 Houston; and

5 WHEREAS, The goal of the African American National Spelling 6 Bee Championships is to improve the spelling skills of African 7 American middle school students, which in turn helps them to raise 8 their reading level and expand their vocabulary; by preparing for 9 the spelling bee, young people develop confidence and discipline, 10 traits that are necessary to excel academically; and

11 WHEREAS, Students from across Houston competed in two rounds 12 of spelling bees for the opportunity to go to the main event; after 13 advancing through the regional competition, Zion Wren came in at 14 third place at the national championships; and

15 WHEREAS, This notable young Texan has distinguished himself 16 with his hard work, determination, and poise under pressure, and he 17 may indeed look forward to a future that is bright with promise; 18 now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas 20 Legislature hereby congratulate Zion Wren on placing third at the 21 African American National Spelling Bee Championships and extend to 22 him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, 23 be it further

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RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Zion Wren as an expression of high regard by the Texas

2 House of Representatives.