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H.R. No. 2097

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The second annual 5-Star Innovation Cup STEM
2 Showcase and Competition was held at Fort Bliss on March 21, 2015;
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4 WHEREAS, This event is designed to foster interest in
5 science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects among
6 area youth and to increase student experience in these fields;
7 during the competition, middle and high school students from El
8 Paso and New Mexico present scientific method and engineering
9 projects to Fort Bliss military leadership, competing for \$1,000
10 scholarships as well as numerous other prizes; and

11 WHEREAS, The 5-Star Innovation Cup was established by Shane
12 Haggerty and Liza Montelongo, cofounders of the El Paso STEM
13 Foundation; the event grew out of the foundation's mission to
14 ensure the economic vitality of the El Paso-Southwest region by
15 turning the area into a hub for STEM business and education and by
16 cultivating local experts in these fields; and

17 WHEREAS, The El Paso STEM Foundation sponsors the event in
18 collaboration with the Fort Bliss Brigade Modernization Command,
19 led by General John Charlton, and Rod Chavez; the competition also
20 benefits from the support of Texas-based STEM professionals and
21 nonprofit organizations, such as Reasoning Mind, a
22 blended-learning math program run by Alex and Julia Khachatryan and
23 their son, George; and

24 WHEREAS, Strong educational programs in science, technology,

1 engineering, and math are vital to the future of this state and
2 nation, and those dedicated individuals who make the 5-Star
3 Innovation Cup possible are indeed deserving of recognition for
4 their outstanding contribution to their community; now, therefore,
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the second annual 5-Star Innovation
8 Cup STEM Showcase and Competition and commend Shane Haggerty and
9 Liza Montelongo of the El Paso STEM Foundation for bringing the
10 event to residents of the El Paso area; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the El Paso STEM Foundation as an expression of high
13 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.