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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Pflugerville Independent School District students
2 presented the documentary *True Beef: From Pasture to Plate* at the
3 South by Southwest Education Conference and Festival in 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Led by Mike Erickson, a chef and instructor at John
5 B. Connally High School, culinary arts students and members of the
6 Pflugerville ISD agricultural science team took a series of field
7 trips to explore the full cycle of beef production and consumption
8 in the Lone Star State, from the stockyards to the consumer's plate;
9 they visited professionals in a wide range of settings, such as
10 ranches, livestock shows, butcher shops, and restaurants, to learn
11 the agricultural and culinary processes behind this important Texas
12 industry; and

13 WHEREAS, Among the Connally High culinary arts students to
14 participate in the project were Mairany Whetstone, Evelyn Santos,
15 DaTreon Taylor, Luis Briones, Diedre Schafer, Leslie Tagoe, Symeon
16 Cantos, Joey Vega, and Reyna Garcia; members of the district's
17 agricultural science team who took part were Jalen Mathis, Elaine
18 Jackson, Kara Gray, Macey Bunch, and Tyler Kinsey; and

19 WHEREAS, Produced by Austin filmmaker David Burrow and six
20 film students from The Art Institute of Austin, *True Beef: From*
21 *Pasture to Plate* follows the Pflugerville students on their journey
22 to better understand the beef industry; the documentary will serve
23 as an invaluable resource for teachers and for other students
24 interested in pursuing a career in the field while also showcasing

1 the two Pflugerville ISD programs; and

2 WHEREAS, Through their participation in this project, these
3 Pflugerville ISD students have explored an industry that
4 contributes significantly to the vitality of the Lone Star State,
5 and they are a source of great pride for their schools and their
6 community; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
8 Legislature hereby commend the culinary arts and agricultural
9 science students from the Pflugerville Independent School District
10 for their participation in the production of *True Beef: From*
11 *Pasture to Plate* and congratulate them on the film's screening at
12 SXSWedu; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
14 for the students as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
15 of Representatives.