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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, KEW Learning Academy in Houston is holding its
2 eighth annual Profiles of Prominence Awards Banquet and Dinner
3 Dance on May 29, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Organized around the principles of knowledge,
5 education, and work, KEW Learning Academy was founded in 2008 by
6 Youletta Jayne McCullough with the goal of improving the lives of
7 high-need and at-risk individuals in the Greater Houston area
8 through a variety of educational and mentoring programs; the
9 nonprofit organization has partnered with a number of worthy groups
10 to develop lifelong learners and to encourage achievement in the
11 areas of science, technology, engineering, agriculture, the arts,
12 and mathematics; in 2014, the academy launched the first
13 Engineering Design Evening Camp; and

14 WHEREAS, Each year at the Profiles of Prominence Awards
15 Banquet, KEW Academy highlights outstanding citizens who have
16 demonstrated excellence in their respective fields; for 2015,
17 educators Nakia Singleton and Kristi Johnson are being honored with
18 the Kaduceus Young Achievers Award, while Rickey Davis and Loretta
19 Vance, both educators as well, are receiving the McPeters
20 Ambassadors Award; and

21 WHEREAS, Furthermore, the academy is bestowing the
22 Distinguished Award for Lifetime Achievement on Kathy
23 Blueford-Daniels, Cherye Jefferson, Valantha Spivey, and Joetta
24 Stevenson for their community service and on Myrtice Newhouse, Ida

1 Powell, and Sharon Terry for their work in education; Tony Webber is
2 also being recognized with the Distinguished Award for Lifetime
3 Achievement in the business category; and

4 WHEREAS, KEW Learning Academy is providing area residents
5 with important educational opportunities, and in so doing, it is
6 helping to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary to
7 build a bright and rewarding future; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor KEW Learning Academy on the occasion of
10 its eighth annual Profiles of Prominence Awards Banquet and Dinner
11 Dance and extend to all of the event's honorees sincere best wishes
12 for continued success; and, be it further

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