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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Autumn Boelen and Sheridan Stiteler of Saint Jo High
2 School earned top honors in the Friends of the Texas Governor's
3 Mansion 2014-2015 It's Your History Contest; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1979, the Friends of the Texas Governor's
5 Mansion is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the
6 iconic Greek Revival home that has housed Texas governors since
7 1856; in addition to its efforts in behalf of the Governor's
8 Mansion, the group sponsors an annual competition for high school
9 students that encourages them to develop greater awareness of their
10 Texas heritage; and

11 WHEREAS, Under the guidance of Saint Jo faculty member Shelly
12 McAninch, Ms. Boelen and Ms. Stiteler entered the contest and won
13 the Best Overall Award in the group category for their noteworthy
14 presentation on the old Montague County Jail; now a Recorded Texas
15 Historic Landmark, the jail was completed in 1927 and featured
16 living quarters for the jailer and cells for male, female, and
17 juvenile prisoners; during the 53 years that the jail served its
18 original purpose, it was overseen by numerous sheriffs, including
19 two female sheriffs, and it housed such notable criminals as Floyd
20 Hamilton and Rex Beard, who was known as the "Paper Sack Bandit";
21 closed in 1980 when a new jail opened across the street, the Old
22 Jail currently serves as a museum; and

23 WHEREAS, Through their informative and engaging project,
24 Autumn Boelen and Sheridan Stiteler have helped others learn more

1 about the fascinating history of the Lone Star State, and they are a
2 source of great pride for their school and their community; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Autumn Boelen and Sheridan
6 Stiteler on their success in the Friends of the Texas Governor's
7 Mansion It's Your History Contest and extend to them sincere best
8 wishes for the future; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Ms. Boelen and Ms. Stiteler as an expression of high
11 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.