

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Amber Rhodes, a senior at Live Oak Classical School
2 in Waco, has been named a Commended Student by the National Merit
3 Scholarship Program; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1955, the National Merit program is a
5 prestigious academic competition for recognition and scholarships;
6 students qualify for honors under the program by achieving top
7 scores on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship
8 Qualifying Test; of the 1.6 million students who take the test each
9 year, only about 34,000 receive Letters of Commendation; and

10 WHEREAS, The daughter of proud parents Brett and Grace
11 Rhodes, Ms. Rhodes has served as parliamentarian of the National
12 Honor Society, as a class representative in student government, and
13 as a member of the Link Crew and the spiritual council; moreover,
14 she earned the distinction of becoming the first student from the
15 school to earn placement in a Texas Music Educators Association
16 All-State choir, and she has received district and state-level
17 All-Star cast recognition in the University Interscholastic League
18 One-Act Play Contest and finalist honors in the Congressional Art
19 Competition and the Texas Association of Private and Parochial
20 Schools State Art Competition; a gifted athlete as well, she has
21 lettered in cross country, tennis, and volleyball; outside of
22 school, she is a valued congregant at Harris Creek Baptist Church,
23 where she serves as a youth worship leader, and she also volunteers
24 with Kids Eat Free and Be a Santa to a Senior; and

1 WHEREAS, The achievements of Amber Rhodes are a source of
2 great pride to her family and her school, and her hard work and
3 pursuit of excellence give promise of a bright and rewarding
4 future; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Amber Rhodes on her selection as a
7 Commended Student by the National Merit Scholarship Program and
8 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
9 further

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

Anderson of McLennan

H.R. No. 160

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 160 was adopted by the House on
February 23, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House