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H.R. No. 160

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.