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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, For more than a decade, Michael Conteh has helped to
provide quality education and care for special needs children in
the Greater Houston area through his work with Tangible Difference
Learning Center; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Conteh founded TDLC in 2005 as an in-home
community resource for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy
programs, and a few years later, its first clinic-based center

8 opened its doors; today, it includes three locations, in Houston, 9 Katy, and Sugar Land, offering ABA as well as speech and

10 occupational therapy to children diagnosed with autism;

11 recognizing that autism affects families of all races and

12 socioeconomic levels, TDLC also features a medical billing

13 department to help clients navigate their financial options, and in

14 2012, Mr. Conteh established a foundation, Project Autism, to

15 further support and assist families in need of additional

16 autism-related services; and

WHEREAS, Before starting TDLC, Mr. Conteh gained experience working with children and young adults with severe emotional and behavioral challenges as a staff member at a residential facility, and he has had the opportunity to apply his skills to the treatment of patients with autism spectrum disorders, as well as children with ADHD and Down syndrome; in his role as executive director, he takes pride in personally training his staff to ensure that clients

24 receive the best therapy possible; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, Michael Conteh's outstanding leadership and
- 2 commitment to his work have made a significant difference in the
- 3 lives of many young Texans in Greater Houston, and it is indeed
- 4 fitting that his noteworthy efforts be recognized; now, therefore,
- 5 be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
- 7 Legislature hereby honor Michael Conteh for his service as founder
- 8 and executive director of Tangible Difference Learning Center and
- extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
- 10 further
- 11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 12 prepared for Mr. Conteh as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 13 House of Representatives.

Perez

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 168 was adopted by the House on February 23, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House