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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, For more than a decade, Michael Conteh has helped to 2 provide quality education and care for special needs children in 3 the Greater Houston area through his work with Tangible Difference 4 Learning Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conteh founded TDLC in 2005 as an in-home 5 community resource for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy 6 programs, and a few years later, its first clinic-based center 7 opened its doors; today, it includes three locations, in Houston, 8 9 Katy, and Sugar Land, offering ABA as well as speech and occupational therapy to children diagnosed with 10 autism; 11 recognizing that autism affects families of all races and socioeconomic levels, TDLC also features a medical billing 12 department to help clients navigate their financial options, and in 13 14 2012, Mr. Conteh established a foundation, Project Autism, to further support and assist families in need of additional 15 16 autism-related services; and

WHEREAS, Before starting TDLC, Mr. Conteh gained experience 17 working with children and young adults with severe emotional and 18 behavioral challenges as a staff member at a residential facility, 19 20 and he has had the opportunity to apply his skills to the treatment 21 of patients with autism spectrum disorders, as well as children with ADHD and Down syndrome; in his role as executive director, he 22 23 takes pride in personally training his staff to ensure that clients receive the best therapy possible; and 24

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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 9 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.