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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Saherish Surani has been named a 2016 Corpus Christi  
2 *Caller-Times/Citgo* South Texas Distinguished Scholar in the  
3 service and leadership category; and

4 WHEREAS, The *Caller-Times/Citgo* South Texas Distinguished  
5 Scholars program was established to reward local students who have  
6 demonstrated excellence in specific areas of achievement; since its  
7 inception in 1988, hundreds of young men and women have been  
8 selected for this prestigious honor, and each of the 2016 winners  
9 received a \$1,000 scholarship to help fund their college studies;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The daughter of Zehra Surani and Dr. Salim Surani,  
12 Saherish Surani ranks first in her class of 304 students at Veterans  
13 Memorial High School, with an impressive 4.96 grade point average;  
14 in addition to excelling academically, she is a competitive  
15 pianist, president of her school's student council and National  
16 Honor Society chapter, and vice chair of the city's Human Relations  
17 Commission; in 2013, she cofounded iConquer, a program that uses  
18 puppet shows, interactive skits, dances, jingles, crafting  
19 activities, and animated short films to teach prekindergarteners  
20 about healthy eating habits; over the past few years, Ms. Surani  
21 and her team have raised \$140,000 in funds and reached more than  
22 20,000 children in 50 elementary schools and day-care programs; and

23 WHEREAS, This outstanding young Texan has pursued her goals  
24 with tremendous dedication, and she may take great pride in all that

1 she has accomplished as she looks ahead to a future bright with  
2 promise; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Saherish Surani on her selection as  
5 a 2016 Corpus Christi *Caller-Times*/Citgo South Texas Distinguished  
6 Scholar and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued  
7 success; and, be it further

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