## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Xander Tipton has been named a 2016 Corpus Christi Caller-Times/Citgo South Texas Distinguished Scholar in the career category; and

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

WHEREAS, A senior at Veterans Memorial High School, Xander Tipton is a skilled welder who has begun turning his talent and drive toward making art; he has broadened his understanding of the field by not only taking art classes but also visiting the Art Center of Corpus Christi on a regular basis; in addition to maintaining a 3.09 grade point average, he is a member of the wrestling team and a former football player; outside of school, he serves Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Robstown as an usher and as a member of both the youth choir and the youth ministry; after graduation, he plans to continue studying welding and honing his craft as a visual artist; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding young Texan has pursued his goals with tremendous dedication, and he may take great pride in all that he has accomplished as he looks ahead to a future bright with

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. Tipton as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

