

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 680

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A group of outstanding students from Duncanville
2 High School participated in the YMCA Youth and Government High
3 School State Conference in Austin on January 26-28, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, The YMCA Texas Youth and Government conference is
5 part of a nationwide civic and academic enrichment program for high
6 school and middle school students; participants attend district and
7 state conferences modeled after the state government, where they
8 take on the roles of governor, cabinet members, legislators,
9 lobbyists, and reporters; in keeping with its motto, "Democracy
10 must be learned by each generation," the program teaches students
11 about the legislative process and encourages them to deal with one
12 another respectfully and professionally as they attempt to
13 accomplish conflicting political goals; and

14 WHEREAS, The Duncanville delegation was ably led by principal
15 Tia Simmons, advisors Dianne Williams and Steve Cain, and teachers
16 Dedric Williams and Alfredo Rojas; Sharif Long, a student from
17 Duncanville High School, was elected the 2017-2018 Youth Governor
18 of Texas, while other students from the school took part as members
19 of the state affairs forum and the legislative, judicial, lobbyist,
20 and media sections; and

21 WHEREAS, The Duncanville students who attended the
22 conference include Alfredo Acuna, Blessing Adeleke, Emily Alfaro,
23 Jessica Anyolo, Benjamin Arellano, Auyana Arid, Karxyriah Ashley,
24 Chelah Barker, Julia Bowers, Alexis Brown, Sebastiane Caballes,

1 Lesli Chavez, Paola Chyuch, Jariah Cole, Kennedy Ford, Adrian
2 Gallegos, Stephanie Gonzalez, Caleb Gross, Melanie Hernandez,
3 Lyric Johnson, Jadrious Jones, Amaris Joubert, Joseph Lucas, Maggie
4 Medina, Melanie Morano, Jenelle Murata, Richel Murata, Kennedy
5 Onic, Christina Perez, Michael Pugh, Maria Rios, Arionne Robinson,
6 Naomi Sanchez, Robin Shrestha, Kalaya Sibley, Nia Taylor, Abigail
7 Vance, Savyna Viraphonh, Kristina Washington, and Destiney Woods;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the YMCA Texas Youth and
10 Government program has helped countless young Texans become engaged
11 and informed citizens, and in so doing, it has shaped generations of
12 leaders in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature hereby commend the students from Duncanville High
15 School for their participation in the YMCA Texas Youth and
16 Government State Conference and congratulate Sharif Long on being
17 elected the program's 2017-2018 Youth Governor of Texas; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.