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H.R. No. 935

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Maria Alexandra Adams, a senior at Keller High  
2 School, has greatly distinguished herself through her gifts as an  
3 artist; and

4           WHEREAS, Although she was born without hands, Ms. Adams  
5 learned to draw and paint using only her elbows, and her artistic  
6 talent became clear when she was in elementary school; her painting  
7 of a house was selected by the Hudson Foundation for display in  
8 their offices for all to enjoy for a year; more recently, she  
9 received the highest grade at the Texas Art Education Association  
10 Visual Arts Scholastic Event for her picture of a chessboard with  
11 two sides, one with traditional chess pieces and the other with  
12 objects representing her childhood; and

13           WHEREAS, Ms. Adams was born near Penza in Russia and spent  
14 her first seven years in an orphanage for children with  
15 disabilities; with the assistance of Alexandra Goode of  
16 International Guardian Angels Outreach, she was brought to the  
17 United States for better medical care; she was adopted by the Adams  
18 family and has since thrived as a Texan; and

19           WHEREAS, A good student, Ms. Adams has impressed her teachers  
20 with her kindness, consideration, and sense of humor, as well as her  
21 academic achievement; she is involved in the Astronomy Club and the  
22 National Art Honor Society, and she plans to study art, math, and  
23 science in college; in addition, she is active in her church youth  
24 group and participates in biannual mission trips to Mexico; and

1           WHEREAS, Maria Adams has inspired innumerable people through  
2 her artistic vision and determination to overcome challenges and  
3 pursue her dreams, and she may indeed look forward to a future  
4 bright with promise; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby honor Maria Alexandra Adams for her  
7 accomplishments and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued  
8 success and happiness; and, be it further

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