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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Jessica Rivera won the 64th annual South Texas 2 Regional Spelling Bee held at the Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz 3 International Center in Corpus Christi on February 25, 2017, to the 4 delight of her family and friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Triumphing over nearly 100 other students from area 6 elementary and middle schools, Jessica made it to the finals, and 7 after 14 rounds, she claimed first place by correctly spelling the 8 word "mochi"; with her impressive victory, she earned a 9 championship trophy as well as the opportunity to compete in the 10 2017 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.; and

11 WHEREAS, The daughter of Matilde and Olga Rivera, Jessica is 12 an eighth grader at Cunningham Middle School, where she is the five-time champion of the campus spelling bee and participates in 13 14 the robotics club, student council, the National Junior Honor Society, band, golf, and the Teen Trendsetters reading mentorship 15 16 program; she has also secured a place on the honor roll for the 17 third consecutive year, and in her spare time, she enjoys playing piano; and 18

WHEREAS, Through her exceptional ability, hard work, and commitment to excellence, Jessica Rivera has brought great pride to her family, her school, and the South Texas community at large, and she is indeed deserving of recognition for this outstanding accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Jessica Rivera on winning the 64th
2 annual South Texas Regional Spelling Bee and extend to her sincere
3 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 5 prepared for Jessica Rivera as an expression of high regard by the 6 Texas House of Representatives.