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H.R. No. 1346

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Canton High School FFA Agricultural Issues Forum
2 team enjoyed great success in 2016, advancing all the way to the
3 semifinal round of the state contest, held December 2-3 at Sam
4 Houston State University; and

5 WHEREAS, Designed to showcase research and communication
6 skills, the FFA Agricultural Issues Forum requires participants to
7 analyze a current topic related to agriculture; teams then create a
8 portfolio and present their findings to judges, who test their
9 knowledge with a series of questions based on their reports; and

10 WHEREAS, Competing against more than 50 teams from schools
11 throughout the state, Anna Chambless, Cheyenne Mason, and Kevin
12 Pagel of Canton High School spent countless hours over a six-month
13 period designing a presentation about genetically modified
14 organisms and their impact on wildlife, farmers, and soil; in
15 addition to reaching the semifinals in the state competition, the
16 team placed third at the district level and first within their area;
17 they also delivered their presentation to a number of groups and
18 individuals, including leading scientists and engineers and Texas
19 Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller; and

20 WHEREAS, Through their study of this important agricultural
21 issue, these talented young Texans have demonstrated great
22 initiative and ability, and they may indeed look forward to a future
23 bright with promise; now, therefore, be it

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

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Anna Chambless, Cheyenne Mason,
2 and Kevin Pagel of Canton High School on advancing to the state
3 semifinals in the 2016 Texas FFA Agricultural Issues Forum and
4 extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8 House of Representatives.