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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of the Mercenary Robotics team  
2 distinguished themselves with their performance at the Brazos  
3 Valley Regional For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and  
4 Technology (FIRST) Robotics Competition held in Waco from March 31  
5 through April 2, 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, For the event, the team faced off against squads  
7 from four states in building a robot capable of completing various  
8 tasks, including ascending a rope; the Mercenaries ultimately  
9 claimed 15th place and clinched the Highest Rookie Seed and Rookie  
10 All-Star Awards, and their fine showing qualified them to compete  
11 in the FIRST Robotics Competition World Championship taking place  
12 in Houston on April 19-22; and

13 WHEREAS, The team was organized in the summer of 2016 by a  
14 group of McKinney-area high school students who shared a common  
15 passion for robotics; eager to test themselves against other  
16 groups, the squad raised the necessary funds by applying for grants  
17 and soliciting support from local businesses, and the Mercenaries  
18 got their first taste of competition during the Dallas Regional  
19 contest held March 8-11, 2017; along the way, these determined  
20 students have benefited from the guidance of mentors Mary Mobley,  
21 Jason Bolen, and Andrew Nelson; and

22 WHEREAS, Through their involvement in this exciting and  
23 demanding program, the Mercenaries have demonstrated their talents  
24 for problem solving and innovation, and they may indeed take pride

1 in a job well done; now, therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby congratulate the Mercenary Robotics team on its  
4 achievements at the 2017 Brazos Valley Regional FIRST Robotics  
5 Competition and extend to its members sincere best wishes for  
6 continued success; and, be it further

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