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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The eighth-grade class from Nova Academy in Dallas
- 2 is visiting the State Capitol on May 24, 2017; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Chartered in 1998, Nova Academy welcomed 80 students
- 4 in its first year; under the leadership of CEO Donna Houston-Woods,
- 5 it has grown to serve approximately 850 young Texans at three
- 6 campuses; eighth-grade pupils study at Nova Academy Prichard, a \$5
- 7 million facility that opened in the fall of 2011; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Nova Academy provides a rigorous academic program in
- 9 a safe, stimulating environment; the student-teacher ratio of 20:1
- 10 ensures ample opportunities for individual instruction and allows
- 11 the school to maintain a "whole child" focus promoting achievement
- 12 both in and out of the classroom; and
- WHEREAS, During their visit to Austin, members of the Nova
- 14 Academy delegation can watch elected officials in action while
- 15 touring the statehouse and learning more about the fascinating
- 16 history of this monument to freedom and democracy; and
- 17 WHEREAS, The Texas Capitol is an ideal setting for young and
- 18 old alike to discover the rich heritage of the Lone Star State, and
- 19 Nova Academy is giving its eighth-grade class a valuable
- 20 opportunity to explore an iconic edifice while gaining insight into
- 21 the workings of the legislature; now, therefore, be it
- 22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
- 23 Legislature hereby recognize the eighth-grade class of Nova Academy
- 24 and commend the students for their interest in state government;

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- 1 and, be it further
- 2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 3 prepared for the Nova Academy delegation as an expression of high
- 4 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.