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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Seven Lakes High School Chapter of Best Buddies
2 International was honored with the 2017-2018 Overall Most
3 Outstanding High School Chapter Award at the organization's 29th
4 annual leadership conference, held in Bloomington, Indiana, on July
5 20-22, 2018; and

6 WHEREAS, Best Buddies International is dedicated to creating
7 opportunities for friendship, employment, and leadership
8 development for persons with intellectual and developmental
9 disabilities; since its founding in 1989, the nonprofit
10 organization has grown to include nearly 2,500 chapters worldwide,
11 which positively impact the lives of more than 1.2 million
12 individuals; and

13 WHEREAS, At the 2018 Best Buddies International Leadership
14 Conference, the Seven Lakes High School Chapter was named both the
15 Overall Most Outstanding High School Chapter as well as the
16 Outstanding High School Chapter in Texas, an honor that the club
17 earned for the third consecutive year; in addition, the group was
18 presented with the National Pacesetter Award and recognized for
19 being one of the organization's most successful fund-raisers; and

20 WHEREAS, The Seven Lakes High School Chapter currently
21 benefits from the guidance of sponsor Katie Hilliard and president
22 Reagan Kallina; over the years, the club has distinguished itself
23 as a force for good in the community by cooking meals for displaced
24 victims of Hurricane Harvey and participating in the Troopons

1 program to provide financial relief to military families; and

2 WHEREAS, The young men and women of this outstanding
3 organization have demonstrated truly exceptional commitment to the
4 spirit and mission of Best Buddies International, and it is a
5 pleasure to join in commending them for their inspiring example of
6 friendship, leadership, and community service; now, therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the Seven Lakes High School Chapter
10 of Best Buddies International on its receipt of the 2017-2018
11 Overall Most Outstanding High School Chapter Award and extend to
12 all those associated with the group sincere best wishes for
13 continued success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the club as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.