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H.R. No. 99

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Amanda Coots is being recognized as a Distinguished
2 Alumna of the Temple Independent School District at the annual
3 awards dinner of the Temple Education Foundation on October 21,
4 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Each autumn, the TEF awards gala raises funds for
6 student scholarships and innovative teaching grants; the event also
7 offers an opportunity for the foundation to honor distinguished
8 alumni who have gone on to successful careers; and

9 WHEREAS, Amanda Coots graduated in the top five of her class
10 at Temple High School in 2001, and she went on to earn her
11 bachelor's and master's degrees in computer engineering from Texas
12 A&M University; during her studies, she began working for NASA as a
13 cooperative education student, and in 2007, she joined the space
14 agency full time; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, this dynamic woman is a flight controller and
16 instructor for the International Space Station, and she and her
17 team also plan, train, and assist flying operations for the Orion
18 spacecraft, manned commercial vehicles, and the Lunar Gateway
19 project; in addition, she is helping to inspire and educate the next
20 generation of scientists and engineers as a board member of Texas
21 Odyssey, which sponsors a creative problem-solving competition for
22 students; and

23 WHEREAS, A proud daughter of Temple, Amanda Coots has built
24 upon the strong educational foundation she received in the

1 community's schools to pursue an impressive and fulfilling career,
2 and she is a worthy recipient of this prestigious award; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Amanda Coots
6 on her recognition as a Distinguished Alumna of the Temple
7 Independent School District and extend to her sincere best wishes
8 for continued success; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Ms. Coots as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.