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H.R. No. 254

R E S O L U T I O N

1        WHEREAS, Emmett Schelling has been a leader in the fight for  
2 social justice for members of the LGBTQIA+ communities in Texas,  
3 and his efforts have made a positive difference in numerous lives;  
4 and

5        WHEREAS, Mr. Schelling is the executive director of the  
6 Transgender Education Network of Texas (TENT), a nonprofit  
7 organization dedicated to furthering gender-diverse equality; in  
8 that role, he advocates at the municipal and state levels in behalf  
9 of individuals who identify as transgender or as gender  
10 nonconforming, and he promotes equity through a variety of  
11 educational programs for political leaders, medical and legal  
12 professionals, social workers, students, and parents; and

13        WHEREAS, In addition to his work with TENT, Mr. Schelling  
14 serves on the Transform Houston Community Council and the Deeds Not  
15 Words board, and he is codirector of TransFORWARD, a statewide  
16 transgender-focused research collective; he previously served as  
17 president of the San Antonio Gender Association; over the course of  
18 his career, he has been featured in numerous media outlets,  
19 including *Newsweek*, *Refinery29*, *The Hill*, *Slate*, and *HuffPost*; and

20        WHEREAS, Through his myriad endeavors, Emmett Schelling has  
21 helped further inclusion and equality in the Lone Star State, and he  
22 may indeed reflect with pride on his many noteworthy  
23 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

24        RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas

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1 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Emmett Schelling  
2 for his service to the LGBTQIA+ communities of Texas and extend to  
3 him sincere best wishes for continued success in his important  
4 work; and, be it further

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