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H.R. No. 284

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Kai Shappley of Austin has distinguished herself
2 through her exceptional work as an advocate for the transgender
3 youth community in Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, A clear and thoughtful communicator with maturity
5 beyond her 10 years, Kai has already taken part in numerous
6 committee hearings of the Texas Legislature; in 2017, she joined
7 her mother, Kimberly Shappley, in speaking out against bills that
8 would have banned transgender people from accessing restrooms that
9 match their gender identity; in April 2021, during the 87th Regular
10 Session, Kai offered valuable input on Senate Bills 1311 and 1646,
11 which sought to prevent transgender youth from receiving
12 gender-affirming health care, as well as Senate Bill 29, which
13 sought to limit transgender students' participation on sports
14 teams; moreover, she has raised awareness on a national level by
15 sharing her story in an award-winning documentary; and

16 WHEREAS, Kai has further distinguished herself through her
17 work as an actor in the Netflix series *The Baby-Sitters Club*; she is
18 currently attending the fifth grade, and her favorite subjects are
19 math, science, and geology; in her free time, she enjoys playing
20 with her cats, Jake and Serenity, and listening to the music of
21 Dolly Parton; and

22 WHEREAS, By courageously speaking out on urgent legislative
23 issues, Kai Shappley has helped ensure that the voices of
24 transgender youth will not be silenced, and she is a source of

1 inspiration to numerous people in the Lone Star State and beyond;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Kai Shappley for
5 her advocacy in behalf of the transgender youth community in Texas
6 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success in her
7 important work; and, be it further

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