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H.R. No. 236

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Austin Taylor of Fate was awarded the President's
2 Volunteer Service Gold Award in August 2020, the second time he has
3 received this prestigious accolade; and

4 WHEREAS, The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes
5 individuals who have given generously of their time and talents to
6 improve their communities and enhance the quality of life for their
7 fellow citizens; to earn the gold level award, recipients must
8 perform more than 250 hours of service within a 12-month period; and

9 WHEREAS, A junior at Rockwall High School, Mr. Taylor has
10 distinguished himself by volunteering 885 hours over the past three
11 years; he has already been presented with two presidential service
12 awards and has qualified for a third; in addition to his involvement
13 with such philanthropic groups as Lone Star CASA, Rainbow Room,
14 Bikes for Tykes, and North Texas Giving Day, he has demonstrated
15 exceptional dedication to STEM education and the nonprofit
16 organization FIRST (For Inspiration & Recognition of Science &
17 Technology); and

18 WHEREAS, The founder of both a FIRST LEGO League team for
19 elementary students and a FIRST Tech Challenge team for middle
20 school students, Mr. Taylor teaches robotics skills, leads
21 practices, and accompanies the young competitors to FIRST events;
22 moreover, he has met with both state and federal legislators to
23 advocate for STEM funding and awareness for Title I schools,
24 recognition of STEM Gals Day, and the passage of the Christa

1 McAuliffe Commemorative Coin Act of 2019, which will help fund
2 FIRST programs; and

3 WHEREAS, The son of Terry and Danna Taylor, Austin Taylor is
4 an officer for Rockwall High's FIRST Robotics Competition Team 1296
5 - Full Metal Jackets; he serves as a student ambassador and holds
6 certifications in OSHA and CPR procedures to fulfill official
7 duties at FIRST events; and

8 WHEREAS, Austin Taylor's remarkable initiative and
9 dedication have earned him the respect and admiration of his family
10 and community, and he is truly deserving of special recognition;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Austin Taylor on receiving his
14 second President's Volunteer Service Gold Award and extend to him
15 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. Taylor as expression of high regard by the Texas
18 House of Representatives.