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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Pleasant Grove High School in Texarkana achieved
2 great distinction by winning multiple awards at the Spring National
3 High School Journalism Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, on
4 April 24 to 26, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Journalism Education Association
6 and National Scholastic Press Association, the event is the largest
7 gathering of high school journalists and journalism advisors and
8 teachers in the country; the convention features instructional
9 sessions, news-making keynote speakers, media critiques, on-site
10 media contests, and the announcement of national award winners; and

11 WHEREAS, The staff of the Pleasant Grove High School
12 newspaper, *The Edge*, garnered for the sixth consecutive year the
13 prestigious Pacemaker Award and the Golden Crown Award; they were
14 also recognized at the UIL Interscholastic League Press Conference
15 with a Gold Star award; the school's yearbook, *The Hawk*, took home
16 Best of Show honors at the JEA/NSPA national convention and a Gold
17 Star award at the ILPC; and

18 WHEREAS, Pleasant Grove High School publications benefit
19 from the leadership of longtime advisor Charla Harris, who received
20 the 2025 Linda S. Puntney Teacher Inspiration Award for her
21 extensive contributions as a journalism teacher; the newspaper
22 staff includes coeditors Rawya Hazin and Brooklyn Tirone, and the
23 PGHS yearbook is coedited by Julianne Naples and Ellis Miller; and

24 WHEREAS, Through their hard work and commitment to

1 excellence, these talented young Texans have brought great pride to
2 their school and community, and they are indeed deserving of
3 special recognition for their accomplishments; now, therefore, be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
6 hereby congratulate Pleasant Grove High School on its success at
7 the Spring 2025 JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention
8 and extend to all those associated with the school's publications
9 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the students as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas Senate.