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H.R. No. 340

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Robert C. Vackar and Janet Ogden Vackar have set an
2 inspiring example for the Rio Grande Valley business community
3 through their extensive philanthropic efforts; and

4 WHEREAS, The owners of the Bert Ogden Auto Group, the Vackars
5 have given generously of their financial resources to numerous
6 worthy causes, and they are especially staunch champions of higher
7 education; in 2016, the couple presented The University of Texas
8 Rio Grande Valley with the largest scholarship gift in the history
9 of the institution, providing \$2 million to create scholarship
10 endowments for aspiring entrepreneurs and students pursuing
11 degrees in mass communications; they have also helped fund the
12 Susan Lewis Vackar Clark Endowed Memorial Scholarship, established
13 in tribute to Mr. Vackar's late sister, an elementary school
14 teacher; and

15 WHEREAS, The Vackars are longtime benefactors of Easterseals
16 Rio Grande Valley, and they have supported veterans groups, food
17 banks, and such organizations as Boys & Girls Clubs, the
18 Make-A-Wish Foundation, and the Palm Valley Animal Society; in
19 2012, they chaired the inaugural holiday fundraiser for the
20 Renaissance Cancer Foundation, and Ms. Vackar has been a member of
21 the board of the Vannie Cook Cancer Foundation and a sustaining
22 member of the Junior League of McAllen; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2016, the Vackars became the first couple
24 selected as recipients of the prestigious Border Texans of the Year

1 award; UTRGV named its Robert C. Vackar College of Business and
2 Entrepreneurship in honor of Mr. Vackar, and the Edinburg
3 Consolidated Independent School District named its Janet Ogden
4 Vackar Sports Complex in recognition of Ms. Vackar's many good
5 works in behalf of area children; moreover, the couple were
6 instrumental in the effort to name the Bert Ogden Arena in Edinburg
7 in memory of Ms. Vackar's father, who founded the family's chain of
8 auto dealerships; in all their endeavors, the Vackars benefit from
9 the love and support of their daughter and son-in-law, Kristin and
10 Will McCullough, and grandchildren, Walt, Sawyer, Emmylou, and
11 Dorothy Sabine; and

12 WHEREAS, Robert and Janet Vackar have demonstrated a lasting
13 commitment to making the Rio Grande Valley a better place for all,
14 and in so doing, they have earned the deep respect and appreciation
15 of their fellow residents; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
17 Legislature hereby commend Robert C. Vackar and Janet Ogden Vackar
18 for their contributions to the Rio Grande Valley and extend to them
19 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for the Vackars as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives.