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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell recently 2 honored Houston native Jason Santamaria with the Harrison H. 3 Schmitt Leadership Award for Fulbright student alumni; and WHEREAS, This accomplished sixth-generation Texan 4 5 educated at St. John's School in Houston and at The University of 6 Texas at Austin, where he earned a degree in economics with high honors; he studied at Universidad Simon Bolivar in Caracas, 7 Venezuela, as a Fulbright scholar, personally presenting to the 8 minister of finance his research project titled "Venezuela and the 9 United States: Free Trade in the Petroleum Sector and NAFTA"; and 10 11 WHEREAS, In addition to his many notable 12 achievements, Mr. Santamaria attended the U.S. Marine Corps Officer 13 Candidate School and Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, before 14 embarking on tours of duty in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea and in Okinawa; serving as an artillery officer from 1994 to 1998, 15 he was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for 16 outstanding service; and 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Santamaria is also an MBA graduate of the 18 19

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- 1 Organization; and
- 2 WHEREAS, With impressive achievements in the worlds of
- 3 academia, business, and military command, he is an ideal recipient
- 4 of the Harrison H. Schmitt Leadership Award, an honor named after
- 5 Dr. Harrison Schmitt, who has served his nation as an astronaut and
- 6 U.S. senator and was a Fulbright scholar to Norway; the citizens of
- 7 Texas are proud to join with Dr. Schmitt, Secretary Powell, and
- 8 other members of the international affairs community in paying
- 9 special tribute to the contributions of Mr. Santamaria; now,
- 10 therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 12 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Jason
- 13 Santamaria on his receipt of the Harrison H. Schmitt Leadership
- 14 Award and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his
- 15 endeavors; and, be it further
- 16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 17 prepared for Mr. Santamaria as an expression of high regard by the
- 18 Texas House of Representatives.