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H.R. No. 773

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Premedical Honors College at The University of  
2 Texas-Pan American (UTPA) is a joint effort between UTPA and Baylor  
3 College of Medicine that was established in 1993 as part of a  
4 Hispanic Centers of Excellence initiative designed to recruit  
5 talented Hispanic students to medicine and to promote diversity in  
6 the field; and

7           WHEREAS, Students who are accepted into the program receive a  
8 four-year scholarship to study at UTPA; they complete a rigorous  
9 premedical curriculum and take part in specialized counseling and  
10 enrichment experiences; participants who have earned an acceptable  
11 grade point average and a minimum score on the Medical College  
12 Admissions Test are then granted an additional scholarship to cover  
13 four years of medical training at Baylor College of Medicine; and

14           WHEREAS, Among the Texas youth currently enrolled in the  
15 program are outstanding students from the Rio Grande Valley,  
16 including Christopher Brann, Amanda Garza, Carla Sagredo, Dalia  
17 Galicia, Lyssa Ochoa, and Melissa Ochoa of Mission; Omar Rodriguez,  
18 Andres Splenser, and Andreana Rivera of McAllen; Kristofer Galvan,  
19 Elias George, and Noe Olivera of Harlingen; David Jimenez of Donna;  
20 Jose Lares of San Benito; Charles Zaremba and Michael Gorena of  
21 Edinburg; Maria Luna of Pharr; and Grace Jackson-Cortez of  
22 Mercedes; and

23           WHEREAS, These young men and women are working to build a  
24 brighter future for themselves, their families, and the people of

1 the Lone Star State, and it is most appropriate that they be honored  
2 for their dedication and commitment to excellence; now, therefore,  
3 be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby recognize all those associated with the  
6 Premedical Honors College at UTPA and extend to them sincere best  
7 wishes for success in all of their future endeavors; and, be it  
8 further

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