

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, J. R. Villarreal, a young Texas actor, is
2 establishing himself as a talented performer on both the small and
3 large screen; and

4 WHEREAS, At 13, this Mission resident has recently played
5 leading roles in two feature films, *Akeelah and the Bee*, which was
6 released nationwide on April 28, 2006, and the *Death & Life of Bobby*
7 *Z*, scheduled to reach theaters in the fall of 2006; in the former
8 movie, Mr. Villarreal appears with Angela Bassett, Keke Palmer, and
9 friend and mentor Laurence Fishburne, while in the latter he shares
10 credits with Mr. Fishburne and Paul Walker; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Villarreal's previous film work includes lead
12 roles in *Harvest of Redemption*, set in the Rio Grande Valley during
13 the 1920s, and *Ay Mijo*; in addition, he has starred alongside
14 comedian Ron White in the FOX television pilot *Senor White*,
15 directed by Betty Thomas, made guest appearances on *Strong*
16 *Medicine*, *Ghost Whisperer*, and *House*, and appeared in guest lead
17 roles on two of the most-watched programs on CBS, *Cold Case* and
18 *Without a Trace*; and

19 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on September 28, 1992, and presently
20 a student at Mission Junior High School, Mr. Villarreal has
21 attended the Oratory Academy in Pharr and trained at the Actor's Lab
22 of Burbank in California; his skills include fluency in Spanish and
23 a gift for physical comedy and dance, while his athletic
24 abilities--ranging from football, baseball, basketball, and soccer

1 to swimming, boxing, and horseback riding--make him an even more
2 versatile actor; and

3 WHEREAS, With a notable body of work to his credit already,
4 this accomplished Texan is quickly making a name for himself in the
5 entertainment industry, and the Lone Star State is indeed proud to
6 claim this rising star as one of its own; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor J. R. Villarreal for
9 his outstanding achievements in the field of acting and extend to
10 him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Mr. Villarreal as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 792

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 792 was adopted by the House on May 15, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House