

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Joe LaMantia, Jr., received a most deserving
2 recognition on February 2, 2005, when The University of Texas
3 Health Science Center at San Antonio's Regional Academic Health
4 Center Medical Education Division named him Citizen of the Year;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, A longtime champion of educational opportunity, Mr.
7 LaMantia established one of the first scholarships for women
8 athletes at The University of Texas-Pan American, the Ann LaMantia
9 Outstanding Woman Athlete Scholarship, in tribute to his wife of 30
10 years who passed away in 1983; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1994, with the participation of Anheuser-Busch,
12 he formed a partnership with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, and in
13 eight years the partnership raised more than \$5 million and awarded
14 more than 2,600 scholarships to South Texas students; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. LaMantia then founded and served as chairman of
16 the board of directors of the South Texas Academic Rising Scholars
17 (STARS); offering scholarships to students from South Texas to
18 attend the college of their choice, STARS has raised more than \$3
19 million in just two years and has become the premier scholarship
20 foundation in South Texas; and

21 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. LaMantia has enjoyed the
22 love and support of his wife, Derrelene, as well as their seven
23 children and 26 grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, This distinguished Texan has demonstrated how the

1 efforts of one man can positively and indelibly influence the lives
2 of countless individuals, and Mr. LaMantia may take great pride in
3 knowing that generations of South Texans will benefit from his
4 tremendous work; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Joe LaMantia, Jr., on his receipt
7 of the Citizen of the Year award from The University of Texas Health
8 Science Center at San Antonio's Regional Academic Health Center
9 Medical Education Division and extend to him sincere best wishes
10 for the future; and, be it further

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

Gonzales

H.R. No. 470

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 470 was adopted by the House on March 23, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House