

By: Gonzales

H.R. No. 470

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.