

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Communities in Schools (CIS) of Laredo celebrates 15
2 years of exceptional service in 2005, providing a fitting
3 opportunity to salute this remarkable organization and its success
4 in helping at-risk students and their families; and

5 WHEREAS, Introduced to local community leaders in 1990 by
6 Gary G. Jacobs and Maria Deutsch, the program gained the support of
7 the Laredo and United Independent School Districts, and the
8 organization opened its first offices at two high school campuses
9 the following year; shortly thereafter, the program obtained
10 funding from the D. D. Hachar Foundation to expand into two middle
11 schools, and it has continued to grow in the ensuing years; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, under the exemplary leadership of executive
13 director Jose Luis Gutierrez and a dedicated board of directors,
14 CIS-Laredo ably serves three middle, one elementary, two
15 alternative, and eight high schools in a total of five independent
16 school districts throughout Jim Hogg, Webb, and Zapata Counties;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Since its inception, CIS-Laredo has excelled in
19 fulfilling its important goal of building partnerships with
20 schools, law enforcement agencies, businesses, social service
21 organizations, civic groups, and health providers to help young
22 people stay in school and provide them with an array of benefits,
23 including scholarships, job preparation, leadership training, and
24 mentoring; and

1 WHEREAS, The efforts of all those involved with this notable
2 organization have helped countless youth acquire the skills
3 necessary to build productive and happy futures, and it is indeed a
4 pleasure to honor them at this time; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Communities in Schools of Laredo on
7 its 15th anniversary and commend all those individuals associated
8 with the program for their outstanding service to the leaders of
9 tomorrow; and, be it further

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

Raymond

H.R. No. 726

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 726 was adopted by the House on March 31, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House