

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the State of Texas  
2 is proud to recognize efforts of the Education Office of the Embassy  
3 of Spain, which has worked in collaboration with state education  
4 agencies and local school districts throughout the United States to  
5 promote the teaching and learning of the Spanish language and  
6 culture in bilingual education programs, as well as in programs of  
7 Spanish as a second language; and

8           WHEREAS, A memorandum of understanding between the Texas  
9 Education Agency, the State Board for Educator Certification, and  
10 Spain's Ministry of Education and Science that will provide for the  
11 expansion of multicultural teacher and student exchange programs  
12 that promote high education standards and international  
13 cooperation will be signed on May 16, 2005; and

14           WHEREAS, The partnership between the Texas Education Agency  
15 and the Ministry of Education in Spain began in 1987; and

16           WHEREAS, Products of this cooperation include a Resource  
17 Center for teachers at the University of Houston, summer institutes  
18 for Texas teachers held at universities in Spain, a teacher  
19 exchange program, a visiting Spanish consultant at the agency, and  
20 a number of other educational programs designed to improve and  
21 expand the teaching of the Spanish language and culture in Texas, as  
22 well as the teaching of the English language and culture in Spain;  
23 and

24           WHEREAS, The Texas/Spain Visiting Teacher Program has

1 brought hundreds of teachers to Texas school districts since 1998;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The very prestigious Quetzal Route Scholarship,  
4 valued at \$14,000, has been awarded to several Texas high school  
5 students; and

6 WHEREAS, Each year, two teachers are recognized by the Texas  
7 Foreign Language Association and the Texas Association of Bilingual  
8 Education and awarded full scholarships covering travel, lodging,  
9 meals, and tuition in Spain; and

10 WHEREAS, This year, a Texas high school student was also  
11 awarded a full scholarship for travel and study in Spain; and

12 WHEREAS, The AP Spanish Language Courses, the Teacher  
13 Assistant Program, and the Spanish Academies Program are examples  
14 of new programs that are being introduced as a result of this  
15 collaboration and that will be added to the programs that are now  
16 well known as the Texas-Spain Initiatives; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby commend the Texas Education Agency and the  
19 Ministry of Education and Science in Spain; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared in honor  
21 of the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Texas  
22 Education Agency, the State Board for Educator Certification, and  
23 Spain's Ministry of Education and Science as an expression of  
24 esteem from the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1376 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House