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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Five outstanding students from The University of
2 Texas at San Antonio make up the inaugural class of the McClendon
3 Legislative Service Scholars Program, and as the 79th Legislative
4 Session draws to a close, it is indeed appropriate to recognize
5 these dedicated interns; and

6 WHEREAS, Created by Representative Ruth Jones McClendon in
7 August 2004, the McClendon Legislative Service Scholars Program is
8 a collaborative initiative with the UTSA Institute of Law and
9 Public Affairs; coordinated by Professor Richard Gambitta, chair of
10 the political science department, the program gives undergraduate
11 and graduate students the opportunity to serve as interns in the
12 Texas House of Representatives during regular legislative
13 sessions; selected by a UTSA scholarship committee based on
14 academic credentials as well as such criteria as good judgment,
15 independent thinking, and professionalism, the interns were
16 assigned to work in the offices of members of the house throughout
17 the session; and

18 WHEREAS, An intern in the office of Representative Jim
19 McReynolds and a senior majoring in English and minoring in legal
20 studies, Brad J. Domangue earned a Certificate in Legal Reasoning
21 from the Institute for Law and Public Affairs; a recipient of a Time
22 Warner Cable scholarship, which enabled him to attend the 2004
23 Democratic National Convention, he plans to attend law school in
24 the fall of 2005; and

1 WHEREAS, LaTronda Sanders-Darnell has also earned a
2 Certificate in Legal Reasoning from the Institute for Law and
3 Public Affairs; this senior in political science and criminal
4 justice has served as an intern in Representative McClendon's
5 office; minoring in legal studies and African American studies, she
6 plans to attend law school and dedicate her career to helping the
7 underprivileged; and

8 WHEREAS, A junior majoring in political science, Alexis M.
9 Sampson hopes to apply her experience working as an intern for
10 Representative Peggy Hamric to a career in public service; she is a
11 member of the Umoja Black Student Network and the historian for
12 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and

13 WHEREAS, Also majoring in political science, senior Annette
14 M. Zarate has been named to the National Dean's List, and she
15 volunteered with the Humane Society and the Good Samaritan
16 Children's Center and served as a registered elections judge;
17 particularly interested in legislation related to the health care
18 industry, she has served as an intern in Representative Vilma
19 Luna's office; and

20 WHEREAS, Destinee N. Waiters, also a senior in political
21 science, is an elected official in the UTSA Student Government
22 Association and speaker of the Student Assembly; she has received a
23 Certificate in Legal Reasoning from the Institute for Law and
24 Public Affairs and won the Sojourner Truth Advocacy Award for
25 contributions to deaf and developmentally disadvantaged children;
26 an intern for Representative Yvonne Davis, she plans to pursue a
27 career as a human or civil rights attorney; and

1 WHEREAS, These dedicated students have provided vital
2 support services to the legislature throughout the session while
3 gaining important firsthand experience in government, and it is a
4 pleasure to recognize the contributions of these accomplished young
5 people as well as the role of this exceptional new program in
6 preparing our future generation of leaders; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby commend the McClendon Legislative Service
9 Scholars Program on its successful first year and extend to Brad
10 Domangue, LaTronda Sanders-Darnell, Alexis Sampson, Annette
11 Zarate, and Destinee Waiters sincere best wishes for success in all
12 their endeavors; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the interns as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.