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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sergio Munoz of Bluetown, one of the Rio Grande
2 Valley's smallest communities, has brought his academic career to a
3 successful and long-awaited completion, and this achievement truly
4 merits special recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Munoz is the son of proud parents Agustin and
6 Rosa Maria Munoz, who laid the foundation for their son's future
7 years ago when they left their beloved hometown of Morelia in the
8 Mexican state of Michoacan and migrated as braceros to the United
9 States, where they picked grapes in California, strawberries and
10 cherries in Michigan, and cucumbers in Ohio; and

11 WHEREAS, Although the senior Mr. Munoz found work as a
12 mariachi, freeing his loved ones from the need to pursue migrant
13 work, the family's experience with agricultural work inspired
14 Sergio Munoz to pursue his childhood dream of a college education;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, A well-rounded high school student, the younger Mr.
17 Munoz was a member of the National Honor Society and lettered in
18 band; moreover, he was a starter on the school's first basketball
19 team ever to qualify for the state playoffs and was named the team's
20 Most Dedicated individual player; and

21 WHEREAS, He also lettered in Iron Man varsity football, and
22 as a result was at one point obligated to play both offense and
23 defense for the duration of an entire game and march as a band
24 soloist during halftime; and

1 WHEREAS, Graduating salutatorian of his high school, Mr.
2 Munoz enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin in 1998; at that
3 time, he became a member of Sigma Lambda Beta Latino fraternity and
4 found himself part of a brotherhood of close friends who shared his
5 sense of cultural pride; together they performed community service
6 on weekends and participated in college campus tours; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Munoz's college career was temporarily halted in
8 the fall of 2000, when he left school to help care for his ailing
9 parents; following his return to school, his academic performance
10 suffered due to financial difficulties, and his dream of graduating
11 from college as a Longhorn grew more distant; vowing to do whatever
12 it took to gain readmission to UT, he went on to make the Dean's List
13 at both Texas State Technical College and South Texas Community
14 College before being readmitted; and

15 WHEREAS, In December 2004 his years of dedication and hard
16 work were rewarded with his receipt of a bachelor of arts degree in
17 Mexican American studies from UT, and his family was among the crowd
18 at the Frank Erwin Center that saw tears of elation stream down his
19 face with the realization that he was now officially a Texas Ex; and

20 WHEREAS, In becoming the first student from tiny Santa Maria
21 High School to graduate from The University of Texas at Austin, Mr.
22 Munoz fulfilled the dreams of educational opportunity that had been
23 inspired so long ago by his family's journey; and

24 WHEREAS, Now a valued staff member at the Texas State
25 Capitol, Mr. Munoz continues to enjoy the love and support of his
26 family and friends and hopes to inspire other youth from
27 underrepresented areas of the state who share his dedication to

1 education and drive for success to pursue their own goal of a
2 college degree; and

3 WHEREAS, By demonstrating a strong commitment to excellence,
4 Mr. Munoz has earned himself a bright and rewarding career path
5 while earning the respect and admiration of all who know him; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby commend Sergio Munoz for his academic
9 achievement and extend to him best wishes for continued success;
10 and, be it further

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