

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 272

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize internationally known attorney and civic leader J. Michael Solar, who has been named the 2005 Pasadena Independent School District Distinguished Alumnus; and

WHEREAS, The Distinguished Alumnus Award recognizes graduates who have excelled in their vocation and civic endeavors and whose integrity and standing in the community reflect honorably on the Pasadena Independent School District; the award will be presented to Michael at a reception hosted by the school district's superintendent and trustees on March 3, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Michael is a 1971 graduate of Sam Rayburn High School and the first Latino from the high school to receive this prestigious award; he earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Houston, and he is the principal attorney of Solar & Associates, LLP, a litigation law firm based in Houston; and

WHEREAS, He is noted for the active role he played in the negotiation and passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement and for his strong sense of community through service on many local and national boards, including serving as national director of the Children's Defense Fund; and

WHEREAS, Among the many associations that have benefited from his wise counsel and expertise are the Senate Hispanic Policy Council, the Mexican American Legislative Policy Council, the Board of Visitors of M. D. Anderson Hospital, the Catholic Endowment Foundation, and numerous educational and financial institutions; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected business and community leader, Michael has made many contributions that have benefited the City of Pasadena, the Houston community, and the State of Texas, and he is an exemplary alumnus of the Pasadena Independent School District; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend J. Michael Solar for his outstanding achievements and extend to him congratulations on receiving the Pasadena Independent School District's Distinguished Alumnus Award; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 28, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate