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H.R. No. 278

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Hispanic Association of Colleges and
2 Universities has introduced a new affiliation category to bring
3 together college presidents and public school superintendents to
4 help increase the educational success of Hispanic students; and

5 WHEREAS, Now celebrating 20 years of working for Hispanic
6 achievement in education, HACU is a national advocacy group based
7 in San Antonio that represents more than 450 colleges worldwide;
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9 WHEREAS, Recognizing that student achievement in college
10 begins with a strong educational foundation laid in primary,
11 middle, and high school, HACU has established the Hispanic-Serving
12 School District (HSSD) to unite administrators serving Hispanic
13 students in an effort to develop a national agenda for increasing
14 these students' high school graduation and college enrollment
15 rates; and

16 WHEREAS, Potentially encompassing 1,600 school districts
17 nationwide, an HSSD is defined as a district whose student
18 enrollment is at least 25 percent Hispanic; currently, there are
19 HSSD affiliates in Texas, Arizona, Connecticut, New Mexico, and
20 Illinois; and

21 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of HACU president Dr. Antonio
22 Flores, San Antonio HSSD program manager Jeanette Morales will help
23 area K-12 superintendents and college administrators work toward
24 easing Hispanic students' transition into college; now, therefore,

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize the members of the Hispanic
4 Association of Colleges and Universities for their dedication to
5 improving educational opportunities for Hispanic students through
6 this innovative and far-sighted program; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
9 as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
10 Representatives.