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H.R. No. 465

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mario Ward of Live Oak is dedicated to improving the
2 lives of family and youth in his community, and for this he has been
3 named a 2006 Hometown Hero; and

4 WHEREAS, The Hometown Heroes Program, established by Time
5 Warner Cable in 1998, honors "unsung heroes" who make outstanding
6 contributions in their communities in behalf of area youth; and

7 WHEREAS, Born in West Germany and raised throughout the
8 United States as the son of a military family, Mario Ward earned his
9 bachelor's degree in curriculum and instruction, and his master's
10 degree in industrial education, at Texas A&M University; he joined
11 the North East Independent School District in San Antonio in 1983,
12 the year he obtained his master's, where he currently is assistant
13 director of risk management; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward and his family moved to Live Oak in 1984;
15 now serving as chair of the City of Live Oak Parks and Recreation
16 Commission, he has volunteered much time and energy toward
17 developing recreational events for children and youth in area
18 parks, including an annual Easter egg hunt, and has organized
19 activities on National Fishing Day, Park Appreciation Day, and
20 Halloween; in addition, he is a certified playground safety
21 inspector and has been an invaluable resource regarding safety and
22 accessibility improvements to playground equipment, and his
23 recommendations have resulted in three new playscapes; and

24 WHEREAS, A member and past president of the Northeast Kiwanis

1 Club, Mr. Ward also shares his time and talents with Reading is
2 Fundamental, the Elf Louise Christmas Project, and a program that
3 helps children learn to fish; moreover, he serves as a committee
4 member of Cub Scout Pack 239 and as a youth Sunday school teacher
5 and youth advisory committee member at Live Oak First Baptist
6 Church; and

7 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Ward enjoys the love and
8 support of his wife, Shari, and his three children, Rebekah,
9 Patricia, and Brad; and

10 WHEREAS, Mario Ward inspires others with his passionate
11 commitment to the growth and success of young Texans, and the city
12 of Live Oak and the Lone Star State are proud to count him among
13 their heroes; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
15 Legislature hereby commend Mario Ward for his myriad contributions
16 to the city of Live Oak and congratulate him on his receipt of a 2006
17 Hometown Hero award; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Mr. Ward as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.