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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Riley Ornelas has shown great initiative and school spirit by serving on the student council for Treetops Intermediate School in Euless; and

WHEREAS, The fifth- and sixth-grade students who serve on the council devote several hours each month to important projects that help their schoolmates and other residents of their community; with the assistance of council advisor Marci Clanton-Meyer and Treetops director Lou Blanchard, these responsible young Texans are doing their part to improve the world around them while learning important lessons about civic involvement; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Treetops Intermediate School Student Council for one year, Ms. Ornelas serves as secretary and is responsible for maintaining a record of the members' service hours; she has participated in a variety of council projects, including a literacy program to assist younger students and a group effort to adopt a nursing home, and she has led campus tours for visitors and welcomed new students to Treetops; she also helped plan Red Ribbon Week, a national program that allows students to learn the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and contributed to a mural that illustrates the "I Have A Dream" speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ornelas has also been involved in council activities that support the U.S. troops serving overseas, including Operation Valentine and Flags Across America; for these projects, she created valentine cards and hand-drawn flags that contained

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- 1 messages for active-duty military personnel; moreover, she was
- 2 involved in the Veteran's Day project that recognized family
- 3 members for their military service by including their names on a
- 4 wall of honor in the classroom, and she was part of a welcome party
- 5 for returning soldiers at the Dallas/Fort Worth International
- 6 Airport; in completing her many assignments, she has logged more
- 7 than 35 hours of work as a student council volunteer; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Committed to bettering her school and community,
- 9 Riley Ornelas has played an important role in student council
- 10 activities, and her dedication and hard work indeed merit special
- 11 recognition; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 13 Legislature hereby honor Riley Ornelas for her service on the
- 14 Treetops Intermediate School Student Council and extend to her best
- 15 wishes for continued achievement as a student and citizen; and, be
- 16 it further
- 17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 18 prepared for Ms. Ornelas as an expression of high regard by the
- 19 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1587 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House