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H.R. No. 1587

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

12 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.