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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Gabriel Salinas III of Roma took home the gold medal
for shot put at the 2006 Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games
in Hampton Roads, Virginia, on July 31, 2006; and

WHEREAS, An Emma Vera Elementary School honor student, Mr. Salinas trained diligently in his pursuit of the national championship, and his hard work and dedication were rewarded with the gold medal, two plaques commemorating his victory, and the satisfaction that comes with achieving a personal goal; and

9 WHEREAS, Coached and trained by his father, Gabriel Salinas, 10 Jr., this dedicated young athlete excelled in several competitions 11 during the 2006 summer track and field season, winning first-place 12 honors at the Rio Grande City AAU Track Meet, the La Feria AAU Track 13 Meet, and the Nike Rowe AAU Track Meet in McAllen; and

14 WHEREAS, Young Mr. Salinas also won gold medals at the South 15 Texas AAU District Championship Meet and the Region IX AAU 16 Championship Meet in San Antonio with impressive throws of 27.2 17 feet and 26.1 feet, respectively; and

WHEREAS, With his sights set on participation in the 2007 Junior Olympic Games, this talented shot-putter enjoys the love and support of his parents, Gabriel and Noemi G. Salinas, his brother, Randall Salinas, his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Encarnacion Gonzalez, and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Salinas; and

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WHEREAS, Thanks to his impressive work ethic and his

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1 remarkable resolve, Gabriel Salinas has experienced tremendous 2 success at a young age, and his commitment to excellence will 3 undoubtedly serve him well throughout the years to come; now, 4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 6 Legislature hereby congratulate Gabriel Salinas III on his 7 accomplishments at the 2006 Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic 8 Games and extend to him best wishes for continued achievement in all 9 his endeavors; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 11 prepared for Mr. Salinas as an expression of high regard by the 12 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1811 was adopted by the House on May 18, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House