By: Pena H.R. No. 2088

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Matthew Hernandez of McAllen has earned the distinction of being named the 2007 valedictorian at Edinburg North High School, and for achieving this auspicious honor, he is truly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Earning the title of valedictorian requires not only intellect and aptitude, but four years of dedication to the highest academic standards; the student who garners this coveted distinction must demonstrate a thorough understanding of a wide range of subjects, from math and science to language arts and social studies, yet the rewards of the countless hours of study and preparation are myriad; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his impressive academic achievements, Mr. Hernandez demonstrated athletic excellence as a member of the varsity tennis team, and he also distinguished himself through his participation in UIL math, number sense, calculator, and science competitions; a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta, he completed 120 hours of research through a science internship at The University of Texas, and he plans to pursue a double major in biology and chemistry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hernandez shared his time and talents with his young students as a number sense and math coach at Norma Linda Trevino Elementary School and as an assistant at a summer chemistry camp for fifth and sixth graders; moreover, as a student council member, he helped lead efforts to raise money for victims of

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- 1 Hurricane Katrina; and
- 2 WHEREAS, A source of tremendous pride to his mother and
- 3 stepfather, Juanita and Paul Quintero, Matthew Hernandez possesses
- 4 a stellar work ethic and a determination to succeed, and he may
- 5 indeed look with anticipation and optimism toward a bright and
- 6 promising future; now, therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 8 Legislature hereby congratulate Matthew Hernandez on being named
- 9 valedictorian of the Edinburg North High School Class of 2007 and
- 10 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in all his
- 11 endeavors; and, be it further
- 12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 13 prepared for Mr. Hernandez as an expression of high regard by the
- 14 Texas House of Representatives.