

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Hidalgo-Starr Texas Exes have honored Morris and  
2 Rita Atlas of McAllen by establishing a scholarship in their name  
3 that will be awarded annually to a student from the Rio Grande  
4 Valley planning to attend The University of Texas at Austin; and

5           WHEREAS, The Upper Rio Grande Valley chapter of the UT alumni  
6 association, the Hidalgo-Starr Texas Exes selected Mr. and Mrs.  
7 Atlas for this honor in recognition of their ongoing support of UT  
8 as well as their active engagement in their community; the couple's  
9 longtime support of the university has been previously acknowledged  
10 with a faculty chair in advocacy at the UT School of Law; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Atlas, a founding partner of the Atlas and Hall  
12 law firm, graduated from the UT School of Law in 1950; a life member  
13 of the UT Law School Foundation Board of Trustees, he served on The  
14 University of Texas-Pan American Board of Regents and the UT  
15 Chancellor's Council; moreover, he has been recognized with a law  
16 school faculty award, a distinguished alumnus award from the UT  
17 Ex-Students Association, and an outstanding alumnus award from the  
18 law school's alumni association; and

19           WHEREAS, Rita Atlas is also an accomplished Texan who has  
20 always found time in her busy life to contribute her energy and  
21 resources to many worthy endeavors in the Rio Grande Valley; a  
22 tireless force in the area of community service, she has long played  
23 a vital role in various organizations, and for her myriad  
24 contributions, she has been honored as Woman of the Year by the

1 McAllen Chamber of Commerce; and

2 WHEREAS, The first recipient of the Atlas scholarship has  
3 already been named, and she is Elyssa Berg, a senior at the South  
4 Texas High School for Health Professions in Mercedes; she and other  
5 young Texans from the Rio Grande Valley will benefit immeasurably  
6 from this award that pays fitting tribute to two generous  
7 supporters of higher education and South Texas; now, therefore, be  
8 it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Morris and Rita Atlas on the  
11 Hidalgo-Starr Texas Exes scholarship created in their honor and  
12 commend them for their good works and deeds; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Atlas as an expression of high regard by  
15 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2402

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2402 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House