

By: Gonzales

H.R. No. 2402

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.