

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Fighting to Rid Gangs in America Foundation has
2 been doing valuable work with youth of the Coastal Bend region since
3 1995; and

4 WHEREAS, Recognizing that poverty, drug abuse, teenage
5 pregnancy, and other social problems may lead young people to gang
6 membership or other behavioral problems, Corpus Christi attorney
7 Rene Rodriguez and Justice Nelda V. Rodriguez created the Fighting
8 to Rid Gangs in America Foundation to provide programs and
9 structured activities for children at risk; and

10 WHEREAS, The foundation offers children and indigent
11 families a safe alternative to the streets through its center on
12 Mary Street; facilities there include an art room where kids may
13 express themselves through drawing and painting, a game room with
14 pool and foosball tables, a computer lab with Internet access
15 through 11 donated computers, a gymnasium with a full-size boxing
16 ring and weight room, and a library; and

17 WHEREAS, The foundation's community outreach programs
18 include informative and educational presentations aimed at
19 teaching life skills; topics include diabetes education, gang
20 awareness, parenting skills, AIDS prevention, and learning to set
21 goals and build self-esteem; available in both English and Spanish,
22 these presentations are offered to schools, student clubs, parent
23 groups, juvenile detention centers, and teacher workshops in
24 Nueces, Duval, Brooks, Jim Wells, and Kleberg Counties; and

1 WHEREAS, By providing activities and education for young
2 people in need, the Fighting to Rid Gangs in America Foundation is
3 making an invaluable contribution to the health, welfare, and
4 safety of citizens of the Coastal Bend community, and it is most
5 fitting that the organization be recognized for its many good
6 works; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
8 Legislature hereby commend the Fighting to Rid Gangs in America
9 Foundation of Corpus Christi for its service to the community and
10 extend to its staff and volunteers best wishes for continued
11 success; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the foundation as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.

Ortiz, Jr.

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H.R. No. 2533

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2533 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House