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H.R. No. 2533

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.