

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Roberto Gonzalez of Falfurrias has been featured by  
2 the National Hispanic Sports Hall of Fame in recognition of his  
3 remarkable career as a high school and collegiate athlete; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzalez excelled in track and cross-country as  
5 a student at Falfurrias High School; he was especially impressive  
6 at running the mile, winning that event at the University  
7 Interscholastic League Class 3A state meet for four consecutive  
8 years and setting a national freshman record and establishing state  
9 records for his grade level during his sophomore, junior, and  
10 senior years; notably, his time of 4 minutes, 7.4 seconds, which he  
11 set as a senior, remained the state meet record in the mile until  
12 1980, when the UIL switched to distances measured in meters; and

13           WHEREAS, Named to the All-State team each year of high  
14 school, Mr. Gonzalez was a high school All-American in 1966 and  
15 1967; he won 37 of the 43 mile events that he entered as a high  
16 school student, including a remarkable 31 in a row, and set 32 meet  
17 records during his career; he also won the individual state  
18 cross-country title as a sophomore, junior, and senior and led the  
19 Falfurrias High School cross-country team to state titles in 1965  
20 and 1966; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzalez continued his education and his  
22 athletic career as a student-athlete at Texas A&I University in  
23 Kingsville, where he starred on the track team and earned  
24 bachelor's and master's degrees; he led the Javelinas to the Lone

1 Star Conference championship in 1969, winning the LSC title in the  
2 880 and the mile, and helped secure the 1970 conference title as  
3 well; named to the All-LSC team for four consecutive years, he was  
4 inducted into the school's athletic hall of fame in 1981; and

5 WHEREAS, Opting for a career in education, Mr. Gonzalez  
6 became the coach of the Falfurrias High School track team in 1972  
7 and served in that capacity until moving into school administration  
8 in the mid-1980s; he is now the superintendent of the charter school  
9 in Encino; and

10 WHEREAS, An inspiration to countless friends and fans,  
11 Roberto Gonzalez has demonstrated a commitment to excellence as an  
12 athlete, student, and educator, and it is a pleasure to honor this  
13 noteworthy gentleman at this time; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby recognize Roberto Gonzalez on his memorable  
16 achievements as a high school and collegiate athlete and commend  
17 him for his longtime commitment to educating the young people of  
18 Texas; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Mr. Gonzalez as an expression of high regard by the  
21 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2569

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2569 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House