By: Rodriguez H.R. No. 2609

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Damon Martinez has ably served his fellow Texans as an intern in the office of Representative Eddie Rodriguez during the 80th Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, A native of Houston, Mr. Martinez earned both his bachelor's degree from San Francisco State University and his master's degree from The University of Texas at Austin in social work; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as a legislative intern, Mr. Martinez assisted with health and human services legislation and assisted constituents with their concerns about those issues; and

WHEREAS, Quickly learning session survival skills, Mr. Martinez never hesitated to speak openly and honestly to reporters about the whereabouts of Representative Rodriguez and enthusiastically showed up for every reception; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez's zeal on a foster kids bill of rights earned him a point of order, which he may rightfully accept as a badge of honor, and his skill at guerilla strategizing earned him the nickname "Apache" from Representative Martinez Fischer; perhaps most importantly of all, he miraculously kept the coffee pot turned on for nearly the entire five months of the session; and

WHEREAS, Through his dedication and hard work, Damon Martinez has ably contributed to state government while enhancing his knowledge of the legislative process and gaining more than a few new friends along the way; now, therefore, be it

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- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

  Legislature hereby commend Damon Martinez for his service as a

  legislative intern in the office of Representative Eddie Rodriguez

  and extend to him warmest best wishes for the future; and, be it

  further
- RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. Martinez as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.