

By: Martinez

H.R. No. 2938

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Clarissa Ann Balli has been named valedictorian of  
2 the Class of 2007 at Donna High School, and for achieving this  
3 significant honor, she indeed merits special recognition; and

4           WHEREAS, Earning the title of valedictorian requires not only  
5 intellect and aptitude, but four years of dedication to the highest  
6 academic standards, and Ms. Balli's efforts have been recognized  
7 with numerous awards, including the English IV AP award, the  
8 communications applications award, the economics ADV award, the  
9 government AP award, and the science achievement award; and

10           WHEREAS, In addition to her impressive academic  
11 achievements, Ms. Balli was a member of the varsity volleyball  
12 team, which advanced to the state playoffs in 2005 and 2006, a  
13 varsity cheerleader, and a discus competitor on the varsity track  
14 and field team; she was also president of the school's National  
15 Honor Society chapter, a member of the Ventures Scholars Program,  
16 and a member of the National Youth Leadership Forum's Alumni  
17 Association; and

18           WHEREAS, Ms. Balli shared her time and talents with her  
19 community as a volunteer for hospice and the Toys for Tots holiday  
20 campaign, and she organized student participation in a blood drive;  
21 having completed 20 hours of college credit at The University of  
22 Texas--Pan American and South Texas College, she is well on her way  
23 to obtaining a degree at Rice University, where she plans to study  
24 biology; and

1           WHEREAS, Clarissa Balli has earned the respect and admiration  
2 of her teachers and classmates at Donna High School, and her  
3 exceptional scholastic ability, hard work, and commitment to  
4 excellence have surely opened the way to limitless opportunities  
5 for this remarkable young Texan; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Clarissa Ann Balli on being named  
8 the 2007 valedictorian at Donna High School and extend to her  
9 sincere best wishes for continued success in all her endeavors;  
10 and, be it further

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