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H.R. No. 203

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Melissa Castano of Edinburg was named a 2008 Student
2 of the Year by the Migrant Student Graduation Enhancement Program
3 of The University of Texas at Austin; and

4 WHEREAS, The eldest of three children born to Ricardo and
5 Maria del Jesus Castano, Melissa Castano attended Johnny G.
6 Economedes High School, where she was the highest ranked migrant
7 student and where she maintained a stellar academic record; this
8 fine young Texan devoted herself to her studies and enrolled in the
9 most challenging courses available, while also helping to support
10 her family through migrant farm work and other jobs; and

11 WHEREAS, During high school, Ms. Castano was involved in
12 numerous extracurricular activities, including Ready Set Teach and
13 Business Professionals of America; in addition, she served as
14 captain of the junior varsity soccer team and volunteered 126 hours
15 at Edinburg Regional Medical Center; and

16 WHEREAS, Her perseverance, hard work, and commitment to
17 excellence have earned Ms. Castano such accolades as the Head of the
18 Class Award, presented by the U.S. Border Patrol, the "E" Award, and
19 the Superintendent's Academic Excellence Award; moreover, she was
20 inducted into both the National Honor Society and the Sociedad
21 Honoraria Hispanica; and

22 WHEREAS, Melissa Castano has proven to be a student of great
23 ability and initiative, and she may indeed take justifiable pride
24 in her achievements and look to the future with anticipation and

1 optimism; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Melissa Castano on being named a
4 2008 Student of the Year by the Migrant Student Graduation
5 Enhancement Program of The University of Texas at Austin and extend
6 to her sincere best wishes for continued success in all her
7 endeavors; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Ms. Castano as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.