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H.R. No. 209

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jason Castro of Rockwall has distinguished himself
2 as a musician and entertainer with his notable effort on the seventh
3 season of television's *American Idol*; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Dallas and raised in Rowlett, Mr. Castro
5 majored in construction science at Texas A&M University; an
6 accomplished drummer and guitarist, he sang publicly only five
7 times before winning a place on the popular talent show; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Castro turned in many well-received
9 performances on *American Idol*, including a compelling rendition of
10 Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" and an interpretation of Dolly
11 Parton's "Travelin' Thru"; he finished in fourth place in the show's
12 2008 season and landed a spot on the successful *American Idols Live!*
13 tour; and

14 WHEREAS, This gifted Texan is also very active in his
15 community of faith; he played drums with a Hispanic ministry team at
16 Lake Pointe Church, and he performed at youth worship ceremonies
17 throughout high school; moreover, he has travelled to Russia three
18 times with Higher Goal, a soccer-based ministry program; and

19 WHEREAS, Jason Castro won the admiration of millions of fans
20 around the country and internationally, and he has set an inspiring
21 example for all those with the ambition to pursue a career in the
22 performing arts; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Jason Castro on his outstanding

1 performance on *American Idol* and extend to him sincere best wishes
2 for success in all of his future endeavors; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Mr. Castro as an expression of high regard by the Texas
5 House of Representatives.