

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The face of Texas is rapidly changing, and
2 demographic trends indicate that Hispanics will likely make up a
3 majority of the population within the next decade; as a result, the
4 state is in great need of more certified bilingual teachers, and a
5 program at the University of North Texas is wisely addressing that
6 need; and

7 WHEREAS, In collaboration with the Texas Higher Education
8 Coordinating Board, UNT is offering the Roberto R. Alonzo
9 Bilingual/ESL Education Scholars Program to provide tuition
10 assistance and loan forgiveness as incentives for students to
11 pursue certification programs in bilingual or ESL education;
12 covering tuition, fees, and a small book allowance, the
13 scholarships are available for up to 25 students and provide a total
14 of \$300,000 in funding to junior and senior education students at
15 UNT; and

16 WHEREAS, Students enrolled in this program must maintain at
17 least a 2.75 grade point average, meet financial aid requirements,
18 dedicate the majority of their classes to early childhood to
19 fourth-grade level bilingual or ESL courses, as well as agree to
20 teach full-time as a certified teacher in early childhood through
21 fourth-grade bilingual or ESL classes at a public school in Texas
22 for five years; and

23 WHEREAS, Equipping future teachers with fluency in the
24 Spanish language that will facilitate the delivery of content in

1 the classroom as well as encouraging respect and appreciation of
2 linguistic and cultural differences are important priorities of the
3 UNT program, and student participants may not only take pride in the
4 fact that they will be in high demand on graduation but also that
5 they are providing a service that is vital to the future of our
6 state by attending to the needs of the growing population of
7 Spanish-speaking schoolchildren; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor participants in the University of North
10 Texas Roberto R. Alonzo Bilingual/ESL Education Scholars Program
11 for 2009 and commend them for their commitment and dedication to the
12 children of Texas.

Alonzo

Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 298 was adopted by the House on
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Chief Clerk of the House