

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Crystal City student walkout, during the winter
2 of 1969-1970, stands as one of the most successful Chicano boycotts
3 in the history of the Southwest; and

4 WHEREAS, Beginning in the spring of 1969, Chicano students at
5 Crystal City High School began to present school authorities and
6 the school board with a series of demands intended to redress a long
7 history of discriminatory practices against Chicano students; on
8 December 9, 1969, after the school board had repeatedly resisted
9 dealing with the majority of the students' grievances, a number of
10 Chicano students at the high school began a well-organized boycott
11 of their classes; led by Severita Lara, Mario Treviño, and Diana
12 Serna, the boycott grew daily and even spread to the junior high and
13 elementary schools; by the time the schools closed for the
14 Christmas holidays, between one-half and two-thirds of all the
15 students in the city's public schools were boycotting their
16 classes; and

17 WHEREAS, The student walkout in Crystal City served as a
18 galvanizing force in organizing the Chicano residents of that town
19 and the surrounding area; the influence of the boycott became
20 manifest not only in the fairer treatment that Chicano students
21 received in the schools of Crystal City but in the dramatic new
22 political power that Chicano citizens came to exercise in certain
23 communities of South Texas; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commemorate the 41st anniversary of the Crystal
2 City student walkout and commend all who work to create a more just
3 and inclusive society in the Lone Star State.

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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. 312 was adopted by the House on
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Chief Clerk of the House