

By: Leibowitz

H.R. No. 519

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Joshua J. Cerna of the Harlandale Independent School  
2 District Board of Trustees has been elected vice president of the  
3 Mexican American School Board Association; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1970, MASBA advocates for quality public  
5 education for all students in the State of Texas; its membership  
6 includes school districts and education service centers, as well as  
7 their board members, trustees, and administrators; the association  
8 aims to increase parental and community participation in public  
9 governance, improve academic achievement, and promote equitable  
10 financing of schools; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Cerna graduated from Mississippi State  
12 University with a bachelor's degree in microbiology and went on to  
13 work as a science teacher and coach at Harlandale High School; he  
14 was elected to the Harlandale school board in 2002 and has held a  
15 number of offices, including president; he earned master trustee  
16 designation through the Leadership TASB program of the Texas  
17 Association of School Boards and is a member of that organization's  
18 School Board Advocacy Network; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2004, Mr. Cerna helped found the Bexar County  
20 School Boards' Coalition, an advocacy group for equal educational  
21 opportunities; in addition, this enthusiastic and caring educator  
22 is a member of the National Association of Latino Elected and  
23 Appointed Officials and a lifetime member of the Harlandale Council  
24 of PTAs; Mr. Cerna also gives generously of his time and talents to

1 church organizations and as a grand knight for the Knights of  
2 Columbus Council No. 7409; and

3 WHEREAS, A dynamic and dedicated leader, Joshua Cerna has  
4 demonstrated exceptional commitment to public education and to  
5 broadening the path of opportunity for all Texas schoolchildren;  
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commend Joshua J. Cerna for his efforts on  
9 behalf of public education and congratulate him on his election as  
10 vice president of the Mexican American School Board Association;  
11 and, be it further

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