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H.R. No. 693

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Our esteemed colleague, the Honorable Armando
2 Walle, is celebrating his 31st birthday on March 7, 2009, and this
3 occasion provides a welcome opportunity to recognize one of our
4 own; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State, Armando Walle was
6 born in northeast Houston and raised by a single mother; the oldest
7 of five children, he graduated with honors from MacArthur High
8 School and became the first in his family to pursue a college
9 education; and

10 WHEREAS, This admirable young man attended the University of
11 Houston, and while earning his bachelor's degree in political
12 science, he mentored at-risk high school students through Students
13 Aspiring to a Better Education; he also worked with the Center for
14 Mexican American Studies, where, as the assistant to the associate
15 director, he helped the school recruit and retain qualified
16 Hispanic students; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Walle began his career in public
18 service as a participant in Senator Rodney Ellis's Texas
19 Legislative Internship Program in the office of Houston City
20 Council member Carol Mims Galloway; he went on to serve on the staff
21 of Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee before joining the office of
22 Congressman Gene Green; and

23 WHEREAS, During his notable tenure with Representative
24 Green, Mr. Walle led a number of community initiatives, including

1 an immunization day, instructional workshops on paying for college,
2 and forums addressing senior citizen issues; in addition, he gained
3 a wealth of knowledge and experience in working with the Port of
4 Houston Authority, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Small
5 Business Administration, and Harris County Flood Control District;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Armando Walle took office in January 2009,
8 representing the constituents of House District 140, and he has
9 recently been appointed to the Human Services, Rules and
10 Regulations, and Urban Affairs Committees; he has further served
11 his community as a member of the Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA board of
12 directors, as president of the Ambassadors International Ballet
13 Folklorico, and as chair of the Harris County Tejano Democrats; and

14 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, he has been blessed with the
15 loving support of his wife, Debbie, a fellow Aldine native; active
16 members of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Houston, the
17 couple are celebrating their second wedding anniversary on March 3,
18 2009; and

19 WHEREAS, Committed to improving the lives of his fellow
20 Texans, Representative Walle embodies the highest standards of
21 public service, and he has justly garnered the respect and
22 admiration of his neighbors, friends, and colleagues; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
25 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the Honorable Armando Walle on
26 the occasion of his 31st birthday and extend to him sincere best
27 wishes for continued success in all of his endeavors; and, be it

1 further

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