

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On March 13, 2009, Representative Joe Farias is
2 celebrating his birthday, and we join his friends and family in
3 marking this noteworthy occasion; and

4 WHEREAS, Our esteemed colleague is a lifelong resident of
5 House District 118; he graduated from McCollum High School in San
6 Antonio, and volunteered for the United States Army in 1968;
7 following 12 months in Vietnam, he was stationed in Berlin, where he
8 graduated from the Seventh Army NCO Academy and was promoted to the
9 rank of staff sergeant; and

10 WHEREAS, Having completed his three-year enlistment, Joe
11 Farias returned to San Antonio and immediately joined City Public
12 Service as a machinist; he held a series of progressively
13 responsible positions at the municipally owned utility and
14 ultimately became supervisor of the technical training division
15 before retiring in 2003 after a distinguished 32-year career; and

16 WHEREAS, This civic-minded Texan learned the importance of
17 loyalty, integrity, and service during his time in the military,
18 and he continued to demonstrate those values as a member of the San
19 Antonio Zoning Commission and during three terms on the board of the
20 Harlandale Independent School District; in addition, he gave
21 generously of his time and talents as a Little League coach, on the
22 board of St. Leo the Great Catholic School, and by hosting
23 fund-raisers for community members in need; and

24 WHEREAS, First elected to the house in 2006, Representative

1 Farias was named the Mexican American Legislative Caucus Freshman
2 of the Year for the 80th Legislative Session; he demonstrates his
3 unwavering concern for his fellow veterans and for the children of
4 Texas as a member of the committees on defense and veterans' affairs
5 and public education, and he also serves on the rules and
6 resolutions committee; and

7 WHEREAS, A committed public servant, Representative Farias
8 is supported in all of his endeavors by his wife, Angie, and their
9 sons, Gabe, Joey, Jaime, and Daniel, and it is indeed a pleasure to
10 add our congratulations to theirs on this special day; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize the Honorable Joe Farias on the
14 occasion of his birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for
15 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Representative Farias as an expression of high regard
18 by his colleagues in the Texas House of Representatives.

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

H.R. No. 819

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 819 was adopted by the House on March 16, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House