

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Roberto Juarez, Jr., Jeremy Griffin, and Paul J.
2 Spillane of El Paso have successfully served as foster dog owners
3 and trainers as part of a pilot program between the Humane Society
4 of El Paso and El Paso Mental Health and Mental Retardation; and

5 WHEREAS, The men were each paired with a dog that had been at
6 the Humane Society for three or more months; guided by a
7 professional dog trainer, they learned how to handle and instruct
8 their newfound furry friends, which included an older dog, a puppy,
9 and a dog with severe separation anxiety; and

10 WHEREAS, Each day, the novice trainers worked to teach their
11 pupils basic obedience commands, as well as to break the dogs of bad
12 habits and generally prepare them for adoption; at the end of a
13 three-month period, in May 2009, all three dogs passed their canine
14 good citizenship tests; and

15 WHEREAS, After this effective first run, the program is
16 expected to continue, with more teams of Humane Society pets and
17 MHMR clients beginning their training soon; in addition, El Paso
18 MHMR plans to increase the volunteerism of its clients at the
19 shelter; and

20 WHEREAS, Pets are known for being especially beneficial for
21 those struggling with physical or mental health issues, and in the
22 case of animals that may have been abandoned, neglected, or abused,
23 the presence of a kind human being is equally positive; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Roberto Juarez, Jr., Jeremy
3 Griffin, and Paul J. Spillane on their outstanding work as foster
4 dog owners and trainers and extend to them sincere best wishes for
5 continued success; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Mr. Juarez, Mr. Griffin, and Mr. Spillane as an
8 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2372

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2372 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House