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H.R. No. 2588

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The members of a team from The University of Texas  
2 School of Law have earned great distinction by winning the 2009  
3 Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Competition; and

4           WHEREAS, Founded 30 years ago to represent the interests of  
5 more than 100,000 Hispanic legal professionals and students, the  
6 HNBA sponsors a moot court competition during its annual midyear  
7 conference; and

8           WHEREAS, Competing against 31 teams from across the nation,  
9 the members of the UT group presented cases and made arguments based  
10 on a pending U.S. Supreme Court case challenging certain rulings of  
11 former U.S. attorney general John Ashcroft; and

12           WHEREAS, The victorious team included Cassandra Cuellar,  
13 Belinda Garcia, and Rudy Segura, who together defeated the team  
14 from Loyola Law School Los Angeles in the final round to bring home  
15 the national prize; Mr. Segura also received top honors as best  
16 speaker; and

17           WHEREAS, The team was coached by Shalla Santos, an associate  
18 at Allensworth & Porter, LLP, and a graduate of the UT School of  
19 Law; as a law student, she was a member of the 2006 Giles Sutherland  
20 Rich Memorial Moot Court national championship team; and

21           WHEREAS, This impressive victory represents the 12th time in  
22 the past decade that a UT School of Law team has won a national  
23 championship, and in the team's honor, The University of Texas  
24 Tower was ceremonially illuminated in orange light on the evening

1 of April 29, 2009; and

2 WHEREAS, These outstanding law students have earned an  
3 impressive honor with their talent, dedication, and hard work, and  
4 they may take great pride in their achievement; now, therefore, be  
5 it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
7 Legislature hereby congratulate the UT School of Law team on  
8 winning the 2009 Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court  
9 Competition and extend to its members sincere best wishes for the  
10 future; and, be it further

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