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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Six outstanding students from The University of
2 Texas at San Antonio make up the 2009 class of the McClendon
3 Legislative Service Scholars Program, and as the 81st Legislative
4 Session draws to a close, it is indeed appropriate to recognize
5 these dedicated interns; and

6 WHEREAS, Created by Representative Ruth Jones McClendon in
7 August 2004, the McClendon Legislative Service Scholars Program is
8 a collaborative initiative with the UTSA Institute for Law and
9 Public Affairs; coordinated by the institute's director and UTSA
10 political science professor Richard Gambitta, the program gives
11 undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to serve as
12 interns in the Texas House of Representatives during legislative
13 sessions; selected by a UTSA scholarship committee based on
14 academic credentials as well as such criteria as good judgment,
15 independent thinking, and professionalism, the interns are
16 assigned to work in the offices of members of the house throughout
17 the session; and

18 WHEREAS, An intern in the office of Representative Jose
19 Menendez, Jessica Castilleja has maintained a 4.0 GPA while
20 studying political science; she has been active in the Student
21 Leadership Academy and Student Appeals Committee at South Texas
22 College, the VAMOS 2007 Scholarship Committee, the ACLU, and Phi
23 Alpha Delta; also a dedicated community volunteer, she has shared
24 her time with the Mujeres Unidas y Activas clothing drive, the

1 Community Justice Program at Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, and the
2 Hidalgo County Bar Association; she looks forward to making a
3 positive difference through a career in the field of public policy;
4 and;

5 WHEREAS, A political science major, Caryn Brianna Malone has
6 received a number of honors during her college career; in addition
7 to earning a place on the dean's list and honor roll, she is an
8 Honors College Leadership graduate and a member of the Golden Key
9 International Honour Society and the UTSA Political Science Honor
10 Society; she has gained valuable experience through her service as
11 an Archer Fellow in Washington, D.C., as an intern at the U.S.
12 Department of Education, and currently as an intern in the office of
13 Representative Ruth Jones McClendon; a graduate of the rigorous
14 UTSA Summer Law School Preparation Academy, she plans to serve her
15 fellow citizens through a career in law and government; and

16 WHEREAS, Also majoring in political science, Allen D. Match,
17 Jr., has demonstrated a desire to improve the lives of others,
18 working to help underprivileged residents of Mexico gain access to
19 clean water as partner and managing member of Water Security
20 Mexico; he has also served as a consultant with the UNAM Department
21 of Economics, a clerk with Higdon, Hardy & Zuflacht, and senior zone
22 leader with Mormon Missionaries in Mexico, and his work as an intern
23 has been greatly valued in the office of Representative Lois
24 Kolkhorst; in addition to earning a certificate in legal reasoning,
25 Mr. Match has completed the UTSA Summer Law School Preparation
26 Academy and plans to pursue a career in public policy; and

27 WHEREAS, Nicole Elise Robbins, who is majoring in English

1 with an emphasis in professional writing, maintains a 4.0 GPA and
2 has earned membership in a number of national and international
3 honor societies, including Sigma Kappa Upsilon, Golden Key, Alpha
4 Chi, and Sigma Tau Delta; she is a recipient of two scholarships
5 from the Institute for Law and Public Affairs as well as the John S.
6 Jockusch Endowed Scholarship in the Liberal Arts; admired for her
7 keen intellect and sharp wit, Ms. Robbins was a welcome addition to
8 the office of Representative Jim McReynolds; and

9 WHEREAS, An intern in the office of Representative Roberto
10 Alonzo, Daniela Santoni has proven herself to be a dedicated
11 community volunteer; in addition to her service with the Americorps
12 Rape Crisis Center, she has tutored bilingual children, worked with
13 Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas, and assisted in relief
14 efforts following Hurricane Ike, and her generous contributions
15 foretell a future bright with promise; and

16 WHEREAS, Frank Carni II is currently a junior in the UTSA
17 Honors College, where he is studying political science and business
18 administration; a member of the National Society of Collegiate
19 Scholars and Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor
20 Society, he chairs the College Republicans at UTSA and was elected
21 Texas College Republicans State Secretary in 2008; his work history
22 includes service as a UTSA supplemental instruction leader and as
23 an intern with the 2008 Republican National Convention; this
24 session, he has served in the office of Speaker Joe Straus; and

25 WHEREAS, These dedicated students have provided vital
26 support services to the legislature throughout the session while
27 gaining important firsthand experience in government, and it is a

1 pleasure to recognize the contributions of these accomplished young
2 people as well as the role of this exceptional program in preparing
3 our future generation of leaders; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend the McClendon Legislative Service
6 Scholars Program on its successful third year and extend to Jessica
7 Castilleja, Caryn Brianna Malone, Allen D. Match, Jr., Daniela
8 Santoni, and Frank Carni II sincere best wishes for success in all
9 their endeavors; and, be it further

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