

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gabriela Isabel Diaz of Calallen Middle School in
2 Corpus Christi achieved an exciting goal in May 2009 with her
3 participation in the Scripps National Spelling Bee; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Puerto Rico, Gabriela Diaz relocated
5 with her family to the Lone Star State five years ago; she learned
6 English before coming to the United States, but she did not speak it
7 at home or outside of the classroom; she has since developed
8 outstanding proficiency in spelling, and in February 2009, this
9 talented 13-year-old won the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times'* regional
10 bee; and

11 WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter, Ms. Diaz began studying
12 rigorously for the prestigious national competition, even
13 practicing while jumping on a trampoline; at the event in
14 Washington, D.C., she skillfully represented the city of Corpus
15 Christi, spelling such words as "haggard" and "molinary," and
16 competing against 292 participants from across the U.S., as well as
17 countries like China, South Korea, and Canada; and

18 WHEREAS, Also a skilled musician, Ms. Diaz plays bass,
19 contrabass, and standard clarinets, and she is the first-chair bass
20 clarinet in her school's band; her goals are to attend the Juilliard
21 School and to someday travel the world as a performer; she also
22 enjoys playing tennis and chess and spending time with her five cats
23 and her pet turtle; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Diaz has proven herself to be a young woman of

1 ability, determination, and poise under pressure, and she may
2 indeed look forward to a future that is bright with promise; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Gabriela Isabel Diaz on her
6 participation in the 2009 Scripps National Spelling Bee and extend
7 to her sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness;
8 and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 3057

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3057 was adopted by the House on June 1, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House