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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, K. Michael Apodaca has demonstrated exceptional
- 2 initiative and leadership through his active participation in
- 3 electoral politics and his engagement with the urgent issues facing
- 4 our state and nation; and
- 5 WHEREAS, A 1999 graduate of Austin High School in El Paso,
- 6 Mr. Apodaca first became involved in Democratic Party politics that
- 7 same year as a member of the University of New Mexico College
- 8 Democrats; after returning to the Lone Star State to study
- 9 political science at The University of Texas at El Paso, he founded
- 10 the University Democrats in 2002; he served as the organization's
- 11 president until December 2004 and guided its many efforts to
- 12 increase voter participation and raise public awareness about
- 13 issues and candidates; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Apodaca also became active in El Paso Young
- 15 Democrats in the early 2000s, which led to involvement with Texas
- 16 Young Democrats; after serving as executive vice president for TYD,
- 17 he was elected president in 2005, becoming the first person from the
- 18 El Paso area to hold that office; moreover, his accomplishments
- 19 were recognized with the TYD Delegate Male of the Year award for
- 20 2003; and
- 21 WHEREAS, The El Paso County Democratic Party has benefited
- 22 from Mr. Apodaca's input as well; he was a precinct chair from 2002
- 23 to 2006 and is currently a member of the State Democratic Executive
- 24 Committee and is the chair of its Grassroots Committee; moreover,

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- 1 this hardworking political activist has worked in behalf of
- 2 numerous candidates at the local and state level; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The strength of the American political system
- 4 depends on the actions of dedicated volunteers who devote their
- 5 time and energy to supporting the ideals and issues they believe in,
- 6 and Michael Apodaca has carried forth that tradition through his
- 7 advocacy and his thoughtful contributions to the political dialog
- 8 of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 10 Legislature hereby honor K. Michael Apodaca for his active
- 11 participation in civic affairs and extend to him sincere best
- 12 wishes for the future; and, be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for Mr. Apodaca as an expression of high regard by the
- 15 Texas House of Representatives.