

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 380

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize for the ninth year the outstanding contributions of the Texas Exes to their alma mater and to welcome the Mexican and Spanish students who are enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, Students from Mexico have studied at The University of Texas at Austin since 1940; the university and Mexico have historic ties due to shared academic endeavors, and the university's Graduate School of Business has developed joint degree programs with Mexican institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1991, the Texas Legislature established a tuition assistance program to encourage students from Mexico with limited financial resources to study in our state, thus making Texas a responsive educational partner to Mexico; there are now 386 students from Mexico enrolled at the university; and

**WHEREAS**, Universities in Spain and The University of Texas have had ongoing relationships since before the 1980s; there are 41 students from Spain enrolled at The University of Texas; with 225 students from Texas studying in Spain each year, Spain is now the country of choice for University of Texas students studying abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, The generosity of the Texas Exes and BBVA Compass and their active participation in the university's community attest to their commitment to the university, and the school's distinguished record of educating Mexican and Spanish students is indicative of the successful collaboration between Texas and Mexico and Texas and Spain; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the Texas Exes, BBVA Compass, and the Mexican and Spanish students at The University of Texas at Austin for their special and unique contributions to the school and to our state; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 4, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate