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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislative Internship Program is
2 celebrating the 20th anniversary of the first class of participants
3 during the 82nd Legislative Session; and

4 WHEREAS, Created in 1990, the program provides an opportunity
5 for young, civic-minded students to work as interns in the Texas
6 Legislature, in state agencies, and in public policy organizations;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Students receive academic credit hours for
9 participating in the program, which combines academic study and
10 research with supervised practical training; an internship lasts
11 for one academic semester and allows participants to experience the
12 political process firsthand; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Rodney Ellis serves as an advisor to the
14 interns, and his office assists with coordinating on-site
15 activities; students interested in the governmental process and in
16 the type of humanitarian service exemplified by the late
17 Congressman Mickey Leland are encouraged to apply for the program;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The experiences of the interns often serve as a
20 springboard for public service careers on the federal, state, and
21 local levels of government, as well as for professional service in
22 the private sector, and three former interns--Representatives Ana
23 Hernandez Luna, Ron Reynolds, and Armando Walle--now serve in the
24 legislature; and

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislative Internship Program provides a
2 wealth of work and learning experience for each of its participants
3 and is making an important contribution to the future of the Lone
4 Star State; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the Texas Legislative Internship
7 Program and congratulate its alumni and all those who have
8 contributed to the program's success; and, be it further

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