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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Ten students from The University of Texas at San
- 2 Antonio have provided valuable support to the Texas Legislature as
- 3 members of the UTSA Legislative Scholars Program, and as the 82nd
- 4 Legislative Session draws to a close, it is indeed appropriate to
- 5 recognize these dedicated interns; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Created in 2004, the UTSA Legislative Scholars
- 7 Program is a collaborative initiative between State Representative
- 8 Ruth Jones McClendon and the UTSA Institute for Law and Public
- 9 Affairs; the program, also known as McClendon Scholars, gives
- 10 undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to serve as
- 11 interns in the Texas House of Representatives and Senate during
- 12 regular legislative sessions; and
- WHEREAS, Participants are selected based on academic
- 14 credentials as well as such criteria as good judgment, independent
- 15 thinking, and professionalism, and they perform a number of
- 16 essential tasks, including research, analysis, writing, and
- 17 corresponding with constituents; and
- 18 WHEREAS, The Class of 2011, which is the largest group since
- 19 the program's founding, includes: Murtuza Hussain and Michael
- 20 Johnson, who served in the office of Representative McClendon,
- 21 Czara Venegas, who served in the office of Representative Dawnna
- 22 Dukes, Benjamin Barkley, who served in the office of Representative
- 23 Lois Kolkhorst, Allison Hughes, who served in the office of
- 24 Representative Jose Menendez, Rey Milan, who served in the office

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- 1 of Representative J. M. Lozano, Margie Alfaro, who served in the
- 2 office of Senator Judith Zaffirini, Deborah Seriki, who served in
- 3 the office of Representative Roberto Alonzo, Sandra Morales, who
- 4 served in the office of Representative Armando Martinez, and Tyler
- 5 Rutherford, who served in the office of Speaker Joe Straus; and
- 6 WHEREAS, These dedicated students have provided vital
- 7 support services to the legislature throughout the session while
- 8 gaining important firsthand experience in government, and it is a
- 9 pleasure to recognize the contributions of these accomplished young
- 10 men and women; now, therefore, be it
- 11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 12 Legislature hereby commend the 2011 UTSA Legislative Scholars
- 13 Program on its largest class of interns to date and extend to its
- 14 participants sincere best wishes for success in all their
- 15 endeavors; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 17 prepared for the interns as an expression of high regard by the
- 18 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2294 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House