

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 366

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Valley Alliance of Mentors for Opportunities and Scholarships and its board members, staff, and volunteers on the occasion of the organization's 15th anniversary and its golf cup tournament; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1996 by business and civic leaders, the Valley Alliance of Mentors for Opportunities and Scholarships, known as VAMOS, was created in response to a need to improve educational opportunities for Hispanics in the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, The organization strives to provide promising Valley students with four-year scholarships to pursue a postsecondary education; by offering financial assistance and mentoring to students of Hidalgo, Starr, and Cameron Counties, the organization hopes to decrease the dropout rate of area Hispanic students and increase interest in higher education; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the organization has raised over \$14 million and has awarded hundreds of students with four-year scholarships to the college or university of their choice; volunteers serve as mentors to scholarship recipients, and recipients are monitored throughout their education; and

WHEREAS, In celebration of the organization's 15th anniversary, it is sponsoring its 15th annual VAMOS Golf Tournament on March 5, 2011; attendees will be contributing to the organization's goals, thus providing support for the educational opportunities for the Hispanic youth of the Rio Grande Valley; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the Valley Alliance of Mentors for Opportunities and Scholarships for helping young Hispanics to acquire a higher education and extend best wishes to its members on the occasion of its 15th annual golf tournament; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the Valley Alliance of Mentors for Opportunities and Scholarships.

Hinojosa, Lucio

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 28, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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