

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 916

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes great pleasure in recognizing the inaugural class of Bush School Capstone Scholars, a program developed by the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, One of the school's cornerstones is the commitment to educate students to become principled leaders in public service; the primary means by which this commitment is realized is through the Capstone program, which is designed to test the knowledge and abilities students have developed through their previous classes and experiences; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is the institution in which the most challenging public policy issues of the day are debated and resolved; these scholars answered the call to public service and rose to the challenge of participating in the first Bush School Legislative Capstone program, bringing their skills and talents to bear in the 82nd Texas Legislature and learning firsthand how public policy is shaped; and

WHEREAS, The following scholars have demonstrated exceptional dedication and achievement during their service for the legislature: James R. Close from Houston, serving in the office of Senator Eddie Lucio for the Committee on International Relations and Trade; D. Benjamin Maddox from San Antonio, serving in the office of Representative Diane Patrick; Nicolas D. Norboge from Wimberley, working as a legislative liaison with the Texas

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Transportation Institute; Brady D. Olsen from Haltom City, serving for the Legislative Budget Board; Katherine Vedlitz from College Station, serving in the House Democratic Caucus office; Michael Walter from Houston, serving for the House Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety; and Craig Welkener from Allen, working as a legislative liaison with the Texas Transportation Institute; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend these promising students for their remarkable service this session and wish them continued success as they prepare to become the leaders of our great state; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of esteem and appreciation from the Texas Senate.

Lucio

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 9, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate