

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Hugo Rivero Ramos of Colombia and other  
2 professionals from Latin America were invited to participate in a  
3 U.S. Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program  
4 in May 2013, and Dallas was among the cities included on their tour;  
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6           WHEREAS, Established in 1940, IVLP connects current and  
7 emerging foreign leaders with their American counterparts through  
8 short-term exchanges; an initiative of the Bureau of Educational  
9 and Cultural Affairs, the program centers around a project theme  
10 and typically includes visits to four U.S. communities; and

11           WHEREAS, With a focus on the administration of justice, this  
12 IVLP event was designed to help leaders from other countries deepen  
13 their understanding of the civil, criminal, juvenile, and military  
14 justice systems in the United States; participants examined the  
15 underlying principles of the U.S. judicial and legal systems and  
16 studied the administration of courts, case management, the trial by  
17 jury process, and alternative dispute resolution; and

18           WHEREAS, Mr. Rivero Ramos brought a valuable perspective to  
19 the experience; he holds a law degree from the Universidad Santo  
20 Tomas de Aquino, an environmental law specialization from Rosario  
21 University, and specializations in public law, sociology, and  
22 political science from the Universidad Externado de Colombia and  
23 Complutense University, and he works as a special prosecutor and  
24 advisor to the International Affairs Directorate in the Attorney

1 General's Office; and

2 WHEREAS, The International Visitor Leadership Program helps  
3 bridge cultural and political divides, and the exchange of ideas  
4 that the program facilitates is sure to benefit citizens of both  
5 Colombia and the United States; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
7 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Hugo Rivero Ramos for  
8 his participation in the U.S. Department of State International  
9 Visitor Leadership Program in May 2013 and extend to him sincere  
10 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Mr. Rivero Ramos as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 21

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 21 was adopted by the House on June 21, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House