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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.