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H.R. No. 125

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Hakeem Elijah Regis of Forney has achieved a
2 significant honor with his receipt of a 2012 Texas Armed Services
3 Scholarship; and

4 WHEREAS, This prestigious award provides up to \$10,000 per
5 year to deserving students as they complete undergraduate studies
6 at a Texas university with an active Reserve Officer Training Corps
7 program; to be eligible for the grant, students must meet demanding
8 academic requirements and commit to serving as a member of the guard
9 or as a commissioned officer in the armed forces after earning their
10 college degree; scholarship recipients must be nominated by the
11 governor, the lieutenant governor, or a member of the Texas
12 Legislature; and

13 WHEREAS, A graduate of North Forney High School, Mr. Regis
14 was a member of the Forney Independent School District Air Force
15 Junior ROTC, an organization led by Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)
16 Evangeline "Van" Cheeks and Senior Master Sergeant (Ret.) Jeff
17 Willie of the U.S. Air Force; during his four years in the program,
18 Cadet Regis held the rank of group commander and participated in the
19 color guard, and he attended the program's Cadet Command and Staff
20 School on two occasions; he was also selected to attend the National
21 Youth Leadership Forum on National Security; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Regis distinguished himself in numerous other
23 ways during his high school career; elected president of the senior
24 class and captain of the track team, he won district titles in the

1 high jump, triple jump, and 300-meter hurdles, in addition to
2 earning a starting position as wide receiver on the football team in
3 his sophomore year; he also boosted school spirit in his role as a
4 team mascot, founded and served as president of the North Forney
5 Falconaiders, and worked as a Forney ISD student school technician;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, His accomplishments were recognized with the North
8 Forney High School Top Performer Award, the Cocurricular Leadership
9 Award, and the American Legion Scholastic Award, and he earned
10 ribbons for community service, dress and appearance, attendance,
11 and achievement; in all his endeavors, he enjoys the support of his
12 parents, Maggie and Andrew Mitchell; and

13 WHEREAS, The responsibility and commitment to excellence
14 that Hakeem Regis has demonstrated in his academic and
15 extracurricular activities are qualities that reflect the highest
16 standards of this nation's armed forces and that presage limitless
17 opportunities for this outstanding young Texan; now, therefore, be
18 it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Hakeem Elijah Regis on his receipt
21 of a Texas Armed Services Scholarship and that he be extended
22 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mr. Regis as an expression of high regard by the Texas
25 House of Representatives.