

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A distinguished group from St. Mary's University is
2 gathering at the State Capitol on February 19, 2013, and their visit
3 offers a welcome opportunity to honor this respected Catholic
4 liberal arts institution; and

5 WHEREAS, The oldest university in San Antonio and the oldest
6 Catholic university in Texas, St. Mary's was established by
7 Marianist brothers and priests in 1852; its 135-acre campus
8 northwest of downtown is home to a diverse student body with a
9 current enrollment of approximately 4,000, and a 13 to 1
10 student-to-faculty ratio fosters a close-knit and supportive
11 academic community; and

12 WHEREAS, St. Mary's has built a national reputation for the
13 quality of its programs and for fostering a spirit of civic
14 engagement; it is the alma mater of more than 300 elected officials,
15 who have served both our state and our nation with distinction; and

16 WHEREAS, More than 70 percent of the school's students
17 participate in community service activities, and the institution
18 has earned a number of honors for this notable achievement; the
19 Carnegie Foundation granted St. Mary's University its prestigious
20 Community Engagement Classification in recognition of the school's
21 mission-driven focus on academic rigor, community service, and
22 civic participation; in addition, the university was named to
23 President Obama's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll
24 with Distinction, while *Washington Monthly* magazine rated St.

1 Mary's first in the nation for promoting an ethic of service to
2 country, fostering scientific and humanistic research, and
3 performing as an engine of social mobility; moreover, the John
4 Templeton Foundation lists it as a College that Builds Character,
5 and the *Princeton Review* and *Campus Compact* named it one of the
6 nation's top Colleges with a Conscience; and

7 WHEREAS, St. Mary's has also been recognized by The Education
8 Trust as one of the nation's best universities for graduating
9 Hispanic students at the same rate as other students; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to its outstanding academic programs,
11 the school takes pride in its athletic record; it has won six
12 national titles in basketball, baseball, softball, and golf and is
13 home to 167 All-American Scholar athletes; and

14 WHEREAS, With Thomas M. Mengler, J.D., as its newly
15 inaugurated president, St. Mary's University continues to build on
16 its rich tradition of academic excellence while encouraging
17 leadership and service to the greater community; now, therefore, be
18 it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
20 Legislature hereby welcome the visiting members of the St. Mary's
21 University community to the State Capitol and honor the school for
22 its exceptional contributions to higher education.

Rodriguez of Bexar

Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.R. No. 492

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 492 was adopted by the House on February 19, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House