

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rafael Rubalcaba III has distinguished himself in
2 his athletic and academic endeavors at Raymondville High School,
3 and his exceptional accomplishments have been rewarded with a
4 scholarship to Texas A&M University--Kingsville; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Rafael Rubalcaba, Jr., and Alvina
6 Rubalcaba, Ralph Rubalcaba has played organized football since age
7 nine and began earning widespread recognition after becoming the
8 starting left tackle for the Raymondville Bearkats during his
9 sophomore year; a three-time member of the All-District first team,
10 he was also a first-team pick for the 956Sports.com and Valley
11 Freedom Newspapers All-Valley Teams during his junior and senior
12 seasons; moreover, he won honorable mention in the Associated Press
13 All-State selections in 2011, and the following year he became the
14 first player from Willacy County to be named to the AP All-State
15 first team; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Rubalcaba's senior year contained numerous
17 other highlights as well; his outstanding efforts as a member of the
18 Bearkat offensive line helped his team to qualify for the playoffs,
19 and he gained national attention by receiving awards at the
20 National Underclassmen Combine in San Antonio and the Blue-Grey
21 Super Combine in Canton, Ohio; in addition, he was invited to take
22 part in the Blue-Grey National All-Star Classic in Tampa, Florida,
23 an event which showcases the nation's best high school players; and

24 WHEREAS, This remarkable young Texan has excelled in the

1 classroom as well as on the gridiron; he is ranked in the top 10 of
2 his graduating class and is an honorable mention player on the Texas
3 High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Team; his
4 involvement in extracurricular activities includes service as an
5 FFA student advisor and as president of the Lettermen's Club, and he
6 volunteers with the local Little League and with the Bible school
7 programs at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and the First United
8 Methodist Church; and

9 WHEREAS, A highly sought-after college prospect,
10 Mr. Rubalcaba will attend Texas A&M University--Kingsville in the
11 fall of 2013 on a scholarship, and he plans to major in business and
12 marketing; and

13 WHEREAS, By demonstrating talent and commitment on the field
14 while also succeeding in his studies, Rafael Rubalcaba serves as a
15 positive role model for area youth, and he may indeed look forward
16 to a future bright with promise; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Rafael Rubalcaba III on his
19 acceptance of a scholarship offer from Texas A&M
20 University--Kingsville and commend him for his superb achievements
21 as an athlete and scholar; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1160

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1160 was adopted by the House on April 10, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House