

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The South Texas College of Law is honoring four of  
2 its most accomplished alumni at its Awards Gala on April 20, 2013;  
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4           WHEREAS, Founded on April 13, 1923, the South Texas College  
5 of Law is dedicated to providing students with an exceptional legal  
6 education while preparing them to serve the profession and their  
7 communities with distinction; as Houston's oldest law school and  
8 one of the largest private law schools in the nation, it has  
9 produced numerous graduates who have made outstanding  
10 contributions to their communities and this state; and

11           WHEREAS, Four such individuals are Randall O. Sorrels, Ann  
12 E. Johnson, Imogen S. Papadopoulos, and Gordon J. Quan, all of whom  
13 bring great credit to the university in their professional and  
14 civic endeavors; and

15           WHEREAS, The recipient of the prestigious Dean's Medal is  
16 Randall O. Sorrels; a 1987 graduate, Mr. Sorrels is a managing  
17 partner of Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend, and  
18 he has held leadership posts in such organizations as the Houston  
19 Bar Association, the Houston Trial Lawyers Association, and the  
20 State Bar of Texas; his many accolades include being named one of  
21 the Top 100 Lawyers in Texas by *Texas Monthly* magazine and one of  
22 the Top 100 Trial Lawyers by the American Trial Lawyers  
23 Association; he remains actively involved with his alma mater and  
24 the Randall O. Sorrels Legal Clinics are named in his honor; and

1           WHEREAS, Ann Johnson of the class of 2001 is being recognized  
2 with an Alumni Impact Award for her work in child advocacy law,  
3 especially relating to juvenile victims of sex trafficking and  
4 exploitation; in 2010, she successfully argued before the Texas  
5 Supreme Court that minors under age 14 cannot be charged with  
6 prostitution, which resulted in a landmark ruling in her young  
7 client's favor that became a model for justice in other states; she  
8 currently practices at the Johnson Law Firm alongside her father, a  
9 1963 graduate of South Texas, and additionally represents victims  
10 of bullying and harassment at schools; and

11           WHEREAS, Imogen Papadopoulos, a 1984 graduate and the 2003  
12 Distinguished Alumna, is receiving an Alumni Impact Award for her  
13 many noteworthy achievements; a board-certified family law  
14 attorney and mediator, she has won myriad accolades for her work in  
15 behalf of children and families; among the multitude of  
16 professional organizations that have benefited from her leadership  
17 and expertise are the Texas Department of Family and Protective  
18 Services Council, of which she is vice chair, and the Houston Bar  
19 Association's Family Law Section, of which she is a former  
20 president; moreover, she has served on the South Texas College of  
21 Law Board of Directors and on the board of the alumni association;  
22 and

23           WHEREAS, Also receiving an Alumni Impact Award is Gordon Quan  
24 of the class of 1977, who is co-chair of FosterQuan, LLP, one of the  
25 largest immigration law firms in the country; his ardent concern  
26 for the immigrant community led him to help found the South Texas  
27 Asylum and Human Trafficking project, which operates in partnership

1 with his firm; he has been a member of the college's board since  
2 2008 and presently is chair of the Texas Chapter of the American  
3 Immigration Lawyers Association; he served on the Houston City  
4 Council from 2000 to 2006 and was named one of the "Lawyers of the  
5 Year" in immigration law in the 2012 edition of *Best Lawyers in*  
6 *America*; and

7 WHEREAS, Exemplary of the highest ideals of their profession,  
8 these notable Texans demonstrate the skill and dedication that is  
9 essential to the practice of law, and this occasion provides a  
10 fitting opportunity to recognize them; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
12 Legislature hereby honor the South Texas College of Law and  
13 congratulate Randall O. Sorrels on his receipt of the Dean's Medal  
14 and Ann Johnson, Imogen Papadopoulos, and Gordon Quan on their  
15 receipt of Alumni Impact Awards from the college; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
17 for the South Texas College of Law and for each of the recipients as  
18 an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1281 was adopted by the House on April 8, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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