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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Thomas Neumann of Houston, executive director  
2           emeritus of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs, is  
3           an exceptional leader whose achievements merit special  
4           recognition; and

5           WHEREAS, JINSA is a think tank devoted to defense policy and  
6           national security, and during his tenure with the group,  
7           Mr. Neumann has helped it to become one of the fastest growing  
8           Jewish organizations in the country with more than 20,000 members;  
9           and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Neumann was named executive director of the  
11           nonprofit in 1991; he pioneered the organization's foreign policy  
12           outreach, and he led delegations of political, corporate, and  
13           community leaders on trips to Israel, Turkey, India, China, Spain,  
14           Ethiopia, Uzbekistan, and other areas; in addition, he established  
15           the Latino-Jewish Alliance for a Secure America, and in 2001, he  
16           helped launch *The Journal of International Security Affairs* that  
17           JINSA publishes; and

18           WHEREAS, In 1999, Mr. Neumann was voted the "Sixth Most  
19           Influential Jewish Leader" by *The Forward*, a Jewish American  
20           national newspaper; a notable speaker, he has made numerous  
21           television and radio appearances and addressed audiences on Capitol  
22           Hill and throughout the nation; and

23           WHEREAS, Before joining JINSA, Mr. Neumann served as the  
24           executive vice president of B'nai B'rith International, and he held

1 leadership positions with the Anti-Defamation League, including  
2 national director of the Intergroup Relations Division, national  
3 director of Community Services, and Southwest regional director of  
4 ADL activity in southern Texas; he also founded The Houston Center  
5 for International Affairs, the Christian/Jewish Committee for  
6 Israel, and Texas 1990; and

7       WHEREAS, Mr. Neumann returned to his hometown of Houston in  
8 2011, and he continues to work on behalf of JINSA as executive  
9 director emeritus and director of coalition development; he also  
10 writes book reviews for the *Houston Chronicle* and op-ed columns and  
11 articles for national newspapers; and

12       WHEREAS, Thomas Neumann has contributed his many talents to  
13 the mission of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs,  
14 and in so doing, he has become one of the foremost Jewish leaders in  
15 the Lone Star State and the nation; now, therefore, be it

16       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
17 Legislature hereby commend Thomas Neumann for his service to the  
18 Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs and extend to him  
19 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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