

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The *Monitor*, McAllen's daily newspaper, received a  
2 number of impressive awards from the Texas Associated Press  
3 Managing Editors at its 2013 convention, held in San Antonio on  
4 April 5-7; and

5           WHEREAS, Each year, the association joins with the Headliners  
6 Foundation of Texas to acknowledge outstanding journalism, and the  
7 awards are the highest conferred on newspapers at the state level;  
8 in its category, the *Monitor* competed against 16 other newspapers  
9 with circulations ranging from 30,000 to 124,999; and

10           WHEREAS, *Monitor* reporters Jared Taylor and Naxiely Lopez  
11 earned top honors for Star Breaking News Report of the Year; the  
12 judges cited the excellence of their reporting on a tragic  
13 automobile accident that claimed the lives of nine people; and

14           WHEREAS, *Monitor* news team member Dave Hendricks received two  
15 second-place awards, in freedom of information reporting and in  
16 specialty reporting; Gabriel Hernandez won second-place  
17 recognition in the general news photography and Star  
18 Photojournalist of the Year categories, and he also received third  
19 place in spot news photography; moreover, David Hinojosa was  
20 accorded second place for sports column writing, and Joel Martinez  
21 earned honorable mention for sports photography; and

22           WHEREAS, The entire *Monitor* staff was awarded honorable  
23 mention in community service reporting for the paper's "12 Days of  
24 Christmas" series, a partnership with the United Way that featured

1 12 families in need during the month of December; and

2 WHEREAS, Newspapers serve as a vital resource for a  
3 well-informed citizenry, and the dedicated journalists of the  
4 *Monitor* are making invaluable contributions to the life of the  
5 community; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
7 Legislature hereby congratulate the *Monitor* on its fine showing at  
8 the 2013 Texas Associated Press Managing Editors conference and  
9 extend to the paper and its award-winning staff sincere best wishes  
10 for continued success; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for the paper as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
13 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1921

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1921 was adopted by the House on May 15, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House