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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.