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R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Fourteen-year-old Nicholas Tijerina of Edinburg has
2 faced extraordinary challenges since being injured in a tragic
3 accident on December 12, 2011, and his strength and perseverance
4 have set an outstanding example for all; and

5   WHEREAS, On that day, Nicholas was trying out for the
6 basketball team at Harwell Middle School, where he was a
7 seventh-grader; attempting a lay-up, he was struck in the chest by a
8 bullet that seemed to come out of nowhere; he suffered severe
9 trauma, including damage to his spinal cord that left him paralyzed
10 from the waist down; and

11   WHEREAS, Confined to a hospital bed for more than a month,
12 Nicholas endured numerous surgeries before he was well enough to
13 begin rehabilitation; he has since undergone intensive physical
14 therapy, and despite facing setbacks, he has worked to improve his
15 overall mobility and has at times had the strength to perform
16 push-ups; and

17   WHEREAS, Affectionately known as "Nicko," this courageous
18 Texan is blessed with a loving and supportive family that includes
19 his parents, Donna and Misael Tijerina, and his sister, Lauren
20 Tijerina; he and his mother have relocated to the Houston area for
21 his treatment, and he is currently attending Humble Middle School;
22 just like his peers, he is eagerly anticipating learning to drive;
23 and

24   WHEREAS, The hardest experiences in life are what reveal

1 one's true character, and the resilience and optimism that Nicholas

2 Tijerina has demonstrated throughout his ordeal testify to the

3 inspiring and admirable young man that he is; now, therefore, be it

4   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

5 Legislature hereby commend Nicholas Tijerina for his determination

6 to overcome a terrible event and extend to him sincere best wishes

7 for the future; and, be it further

8   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

9 prepared for Mr. Tijerina as an expression of high regard by the

10 Texas House of Representatives.