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H.R. No. 2734

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Judge Samuel Loyd Neal, Jr., was honored with a 2013  
2 Educational Leader Award from the Dr. Hector P. Garcia Founding  
3 Chapter of the American GI Forum of Texas on May 9, 2013; and

4           WHEREAS, The American GI Forum was organized in Corpus  
5 Christi in 1948 by army veteran Dr. Hector P. Garcia to promote  
6 equality for Hispanic American service members; the AGIF has since  
7 been at the forefront of civil rights struggles and today supports  
8 several key programs with a focus on Hispanic education, veterans  
9 outreach, and employment; the group's inaugural chapter in Corpus  
10 Christi, named for its founder, annually recognizes area leaders in  
11 education; and

12           WHEREAS, Judge Neal served more than a quarter-century as an  
13 adjunct professor of insurance at Texas A&M University-Corpus  
14 Christi, and he is an inspiring example of civic engagement as well;  
15 elected four times as mayor of the city, he is now serving his  
16 second term as a Nueces County judge; this dynamic Texan has further  
17 given back as president of the Texas Municipal League, as chair of  
18 the Corpus Christi Economic Development Corporation, as chair of  
19 the local chamber of commerce, and as chair of the Art Museum of  
20 South Texas; he is respected for his military experience, including  
21 more than 30 years in the active army and Army Reserve, and he was  
22 appointed by Governor George W. Bush to the Texas Strategic  
23 Military Planning Commission in 1997 and reappointed by Governor  
24 Rick Perry to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission in 2005;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Judge Samuel Neal has demonstrated an outstanding  
3 commitment to making Corpus Christi an even better place in which to  
4 live and work, and this award justly recognizes his numerous  
5 accomplishments in behalf of his fellow residents; now, therefore,  
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Judge Samuel Loyd Neal, Jr., on his  
9 receipt of a 2013 Educational Leader Award from the Dr. Hector  
10 P. Garcia Founding Chapter of the American GI Forum of Texas and  
11 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success with his  
12 important work; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Judge Neal as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
15 House of Representatives.