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H.R. No. 2751

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Romeo Garcia, a master's student at Texas A&M  
2 University--Corpus Christi, has been awarded a full graduate  
3 fellowship to the Composition and Cultural Rhetoric doctoral  
4 program at Syracuse University; and

5           WHEREAS, Once a homeless teenager in Harlingen, Mr. Garcia  
6 caught the attention of a caring high school guidance counselor who  
7 not only helped him with practical necessities such as food and  
8 clothing, but also persuaded him that success was attainable; she  
9 encouraged him to pursue his education, and he became the first  
10 member of his family to graduate from college when he earned a  
11 degree in English from Texas A&M University; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia subsequently enrolled in the rhetoric,  
13 composition, and borderland studies program at Texas A&M  
14 University--Corpus Christi, where he also teaches composition to  
15 freshmen who face many of the same challenges he once did; he has  
16 garnered professional recognition for his research and won awards  
17 for his writing, and he received the 2012 Early Career Teacher of  
18 Color Award of Distinction from the National Council of Teachers of  
19 English; and

20           WHEREAS, Deeply committed to improving the lives of his  
21 students, Mr. Garcia has focused his research on using writing to  
22 increase retention and participation in college, especially among  
23 Mexican Americans; he knows firsthand the empowering experience of  
24 effective communication and hopes to inspire others to develop the

1 skills to contribute their voice to community concerns; and

2 WHEREAS, Romeo Garcia's passion for teaching and scholarship  
3 shows the promise of a bright future, and it is indeed a pleasure to  
4 honor him for his outstanding accomplishments thus far; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Romeo Garcia on earning a full  
8 graduate fellowship to Syracuse University and extend to him  
9 sincere best wishes for success in all his future endeavors; and, be  
10 it further

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