

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Blake Rocap is stepping down as legislative counsel  
2 for NARAL Pro-Choice Texas, drawing to a close five years of  
3 steadfast service in defense of the reproductive rights of Texas  
4 women; and

5           WHEREAS, A statewide nonprofit and nonpartisan organization,  
6 NARAL Pro-Choice Texas (NPCT) works to support and protect the  
7 right of each woman to make personal and private decisions  
8 regarding her reproductive choices and health; the group advocates  
9 in behalf of pro-choice legislation and promotes access to a full  
10 range of women's health care services; and

11           WHEREAS, Since assuming the role of legislative counsel in  
12 2008, Mr. Rocap has coordinated NPCT's political outreach efforts,  
13 in addition to serving as a de facto spokesperson to the media on  
14 the group's stances and recommendations; a tireless champion of the  
15 organization and its goals, he has attended and testified at a  
16 multitude of committee hearings and met often with lawmakers to  
17 discuss proposed legislation affecting women's health; and

18           WHEREAS, This lifelong Texan draws on a wealth of experience  
19 in public interest law; he is a graduate of The University of Texas,  
20 where he earned a bachelor's degree in American studies, and of  
21 Texas Tech University, where he completed his doctor of  
22 jurisprudence degree; while in law school, he was a founding board  
23 member of the Student Public Interest Initiative, the social  
24 director of the Board of Barristers, and a member of the curriculum

1 committee; and

2 WHEREAS, His early career included summer clerkships with the  
3 Texas Civil Rights Project, Jane's Due Process, and the United  
4 States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; after practicing  
5 as a plaintiff's attorney in the areas of employment discrimination  
6 and workplace safety, he accepted a position as general counsel to a  
7 statewide political campaign, an experience that deepened his  
8 understanding of Texas campaign finance and election law and that  
9 cemented his interest in public policy; he additionally gained a  
10 familiarity with the legislative process and parliamentary  
11 procedure while serving as a committee clerk in the Texas House of  
12 Representatives; and

13 WHEREAS, Blake Rocab has worked tirelessly to defend the  
14 cause of reproductive freedom in the Lone Star State, and in so  
15 doing, he has earned the admiration and appreciation of countless  
16 Texas women; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
18 Legislature hereby recognize Blake Rocab for his service to NARAL  
19 Pro-Choice Texas and extend to him sincere best wishes for the  
20 future; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for Mr. Rocab as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
23 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2794

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2794 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House