

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Joel Simmons, a participant in the Environment and  
2 Energy Law Internship Program of Texas, has rendered outstanding  
3 service to the Legislative Study Group during the 83rd Legislative  
4 Session; and

5           WHEREAS, Since 2010, EELIPT has offered graduate students in  
6 law, public policy, engineering, or other related disciplines the  
7 opportunity to gain hands-on energy and environmental policy  
8 experience at the Texas Legislature; participants conduct  
9 research, write memos, attend hearings, track legislation,  
10 collaborate with stakeholders, and carry out other tasks; the  
11 program is sponsored by State Representative Lon Burnam and is  
12 administered by the Environmental Defense Fund, which, along with  
13 other groups, provides training to the internship class; and

14           WHEREAS, While Texas is one of the country's leading energy  
15 producers and is home to numerous innovative energy industries, the  
16 state also faces a unique set of challenges related to historic  
17 drought conditions and phenomenal population growth; given these  
18 factors, the state is positioned to be a key player in the evolving  
19 efforts to address energy needs while preserving the environment  
20 for future generations; and

21           WHEREAS, Joel Simmons has gained invaluable experience in  
22 energy and environmental policy making at the Texas Legislature  
23 that will serve him well as he continues his studies at The  
24 University of Texas School of Law, and he is indeed deserving of

1 special recognition for his hard work and commitment to excellence;  
2 now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
4 Legislature hereby commend Joel Simmons for his service as a  
5 participant in the Environment and Energy Law Internship Program of  
6 Texas and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be  
7 it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Joel Simmons as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives.

Burnam

H.R. No. 3018

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3018 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House