

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Sustainable Dairy Goat Initiative, a  
2 student-run, nonprofit organization, seeks to help impoverished  
3 individuals both at home and abroad to achieve a brighter future;  
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5           WHEREAS, Founded in the summer of 2014 by Samuel Garcia, the  
6 SDGI provides dairy goats and other sustainable food sources to  
7 those in need; currently, the group is cooperating with the colonia  
8 outreach program La Union Del Pueblo Entero to assist residents of  
9 colonias in Hidalgo County, where the SDGI is supplying families  
10 with both goats and seed for prickly pear cactus; the prickly pear  
11 was chosen for cultivation because it is an easy-to-grow plant that  
12 can survive in harsh conditions and because almost every part of the  
13 plant is edible; the cactus can even serve as roughage for the goats  
14 when feed stocks are low; ultimately, the SDGI intends to supply 20  
15 to 30 families in the area and then help them to form a cooperative;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, Another goal of the SDGI is to provide funding for  
18 research related to sustainable agriculture; leaders of the  
19 initiative are presently engaged in talks with the charity Farm  
20 Africa to help it finance a value chain analysis in behalf of dairy  
21 goat farmers in Kenya; and

22           WHEREAS, The SDGI is led by a board composed of Mr. Garcia,  
23 Tom Jackson, Nelson Chen, and Will Herbst, all of whom attend The  
24 University of Texas at Austin; branches of the organization have

1 been established at UT-Austin, Texas A&M University, Texas  
2 Christian University, and Texas State University; and

3 WHEREAS, By working to address the complex problem of rural  
4 poverty through such simple means as dairy goats, cactus seeds, and  
5 cooperation, the Sustainable Dairy Goat Initiative is providing a  
6 model for effective aid and helping a number of less-advantaged  
7 Texans to build a more secure future for themselves and their  
8 children; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby honor the Sustainable Dairy Goat Initiative for  
11 its humanitarian efforts and extend to all those associated with  
12 the group sincere best wishes for continued success.

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Muñoz, Jr.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 243 was adopted by the House on  
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Chief Clerk of the House