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H.R. No. 293

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Maria Aly Rafael has been named a 2014 *Corpus*
2 *Christi Caller-Times/Citgo* South Texas Distinguished Scholar in
3 recognition of her achievements in the Service and Leadership
4 category; and

5 WHEREAS, The *Caller-Times/Citgo* South Texas Distinguished
6 Scholars program was established to reward local students who have
7 demonstrated excellence in such areas as academics, athletics,
8 leadership, and community service; since its inception in 1988,
9 some 480 young men and women have been selected for this prestigious
10 honor, with the winners each receiving a stipend to assist with
11 college expenses; and

12 WHEREAS, The daughter of Dr. Marita Rafael and Alexander
13 Rafael, Maria Rafael is a senior at King High School, where she
14 maintains a 105 grade point average and ranks sixth in her class of
15 536; she has participated in a variety of extracurricular
16 activities, including the student council, the Spanish National
17 Honor Society, the National English Honor Society, the chemistry
18 club, the Coastal Bend Filipino American Association, and Mission
19 Fit Possible, and she also serves as parliamentarian of the Alpha
20 Beta Honor Society and as historian of the Interact club; in
21 addition, Ms. Rafael is an accomplished pianist who has performed
22 at Carnegie Hall three times, as well as in France, Poland, and
23 Norway, and she regularly competes in local, regional, and national
24 contests; after graduation, she plans to study pre-med at The

1 University of Texas with the ultimate goal of becoming a heart
2 surgeon; and

3 WHEREAS, This exceptional young Texan has pursued her goals
4 with tremendous dedication, and she may take great pride in all that
5 she has accomplished as she looks ahead to a future bright with
6 promise; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Maria Rafael on her selection as a
9 2014 *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*/Citgo South Texas Distinguished
10 Scholar and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
11 success; and, be it further

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