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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Tristan Salinas of La Feria won the 27th annual Rio
- 2 Grande Valley Regional Spelling Bee in March 2015, to the great
- 3 delight of his family and friends; and
- WHEREAS, More than 50 students from area elementary and
- 5 middle schools competed in the spelling bee, and Tristan bested
- 6 each of his opponents through 13 rounds, ultimately claiming first
- 7 place by correctly spelling the word "illegible"; with his
- 8 impressive victory, he earned a championship trophy as well as the
- 9 right to represent the Rio Grande Valley at the 88th Annual Scripps
- 10 National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in May; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Currently a seventh-grader at W. B. Green Junior
- 12 High School, Tristan advanced to the first round of the regional
- 13 competition in 2014; he prepared for this year's event by studying
- 14 more than 1,000 flash cards, dedicating much of his free time to the
- 15 task; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Tristan Salinas has demonstrated exceptional
- 17 ability and determination in pursuing his goals, and he is a source
- 18 of great pride for his loved ones, school, and community; now,
- 19 therefore, be it
- 20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
- 21 Legislature hereby congratulate Tristan Salinas on winning the Rio
- 22 Grande Valley Regional Spelling Bee and qualifying for the Scripps
- 23 National Spelling Bee and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
- 24 future; and, be it further

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- 1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 2 prepared for Tristan Salinas as an expression of high regard by the
- 3 Texas House of Representatives.