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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, His Excellency Ramon Gil-Casares, Spain's
2 ambassador to the United States, is visiting the Texas State
3 Capitol, and he is indeed deserving of special recognition for his
4 notable achievements; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Madrid, Ambassador Gil-Casares holds
6 degrees in philosophy and law, as well as a diploma in international
7 studies from the Diplomatic School of Madrid; he has also served as
8 a second lieutenant in the Spanish infantry; and

9 WHEREAS, After joining the Foreign Service in 1982,
10 Ambassador Gil-Casares worked at the Spanish embassies in
11 Equatorial Guinea and Uruguay, the Spanish consulates in Manila and
12 New York, and the Spanish Agency for International Development
13 Cooperation in Madrid; from 1996 to 2002, he was the director of the
14 Department for International Affairs and Defense of the President's
15 Office; in 2002, he became secretary of state for foreign affairs,
16 and from 2004 to 2005, he worked at the German Marshall Fund of the
17 United States in Washington, D.C.; and

18 WHEREAS, This distinguished diplomat was appointed
19 ambassador to South Africa from 2005 to 2008 and to Sudan from 2011
20 to 2012; he also served as ambassador-at-large for Africa before
21 taking on his new duties as the ambassador to the United States in
22 April 2012; and

23 WHEREAS, The visit of Ambassador Gil-Casares to Austin
24 represents a fitting opportunity to celebrate the long-standing

1 ties of history, culture, and language that link Spain and Texas;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby welcome Ambassador Ramon Gil-Casares to the
5 State Capitol and extend to him sincere best wishes for a memorable
6 stay in the Lone Star State; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Ambassador Gil-Casares as an expression of high regard
9 by the Texas House of Representatives.