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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, James Sanchez, a graduate student at Texas A&M  
2 University--Corpus Christi, has received the 2015 Dan Klepper  
3 Memorial Scholarship from the Texas Outdoor Writers Association;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Named for the late Dan Klepper, a founder of the  
6 association and an outdoor journalist for the *San Antonio*  
7 *Express-News*, this scholarship supports young writers,  
8 photographers, and other artists who work to educate the public  
9 about the benefits of preserving and protecting the natural  
10 heritage of Texas; Mr. Sanchez was selected from a pool of 17  
11 candidates; and

12           WHEREAS, James Sanchez holds a bachelor's degree in marine  
13 biology, and he is working toward a master's degree in biology at  
14 A&M--Corpus Christi, studying the effects of invasive mangroves on  
15 the salt marsh ecosystem of the Gulf Coast at the university's  
16 marine ecology laboratory; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Sanchez's nature writing has been published  
18 through his internships with Texas Parks and Wildlife and the  
19 Aransas Bay Coastal Fishery Division; a passionate, lifelong  
20 fisherman, he also contributes fishing reports to the *Corpus*  
21 *Christi Caller-Times*; and

22           WHEREAS, In addition to his studies and his writing,  
23 Mr. Sanchez works as a volunteer in public schools; for the last  
24 three years, he has been a teacher's assistant for the

1 Tuloso-Midway High School science club, sharing his love of the  
2 outdoors with students; and

3 WHEREAS, This outstanding graduate student is already  
4 contributing to nature writing in the Lone Star State, and his  
5 receipt of this prestigious scholarship portends a bright and  
6 rewarding career; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate James Sanchez on his receipt of the  
9 2015 Dan Klepper Memorial Scholarship and extend to him sincere  
10 best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it  
11 further

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