

By: González

H.R. No. 2111

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Kevin M. Foster of The University of Texas at  
2 Austin has distinguished himself through both his scholarship and  
3 his contributions to education; and

4           WHEREAS, An educational anthropologist, Dr. Foster is an  
5 associate professor in the African and African Diaspora Studies  
6 Department who has written extensively in both scholarly journals  
7 and general-interest publications on the social, cultural, and  
8 structural factors that affect educational outcomes; his  
9 ethnographic work encompasses action-oriented research and  
10 institution building, and he collaborates with students, teachers,  
11 administrators, and others to develop innovative programs; and

12           WHEREAS, Dr. Foster cofounded Community of Brothers in  
13 Revolutionary Alliance, or COBRA, a leadership group for high  
14 school boys; in addition, he is the founding director of the  
15 Institute for Community, University, and School Partnerships,  
16 which works with students, conducts research, and guides  
17 professional development workshops in Central Texas schools; the  
18 ICUSP also sponsors VOICES, a leadership group for high school  
19 girls, and Young VOICES and Young COBRAS, for middle school  
20 students; and

21           WHEREAS, In 2009 and 2010, Dr. Foster served as the American  
22 Association for the Advancement of Science Executive Branch Policy  
23 Fellow assigned to the National Science Foundation; he received the  
24 2009 W. Charles Akins Award from the Austin Independent School

1 District in recognition of his service, and he was named 2006  
2 Faculty Volunteer of the Year by the LBJ Presidential Library; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Foster completed his bachelor's degree in  
4 anthropology and economics at the College of William and Mary and  
5 went on to earn both master's and doctoral degrees in anthropology  
6 at UT; he was an assistant professor at Southern Illinois  
7 University for four years before joining the UT faculty in 2005; and

8 WHEREAS, Our society gains immeasurably when all young people  
9 are able to reach their full potential, and through his endeavors,  
10 Kevin Foster is helping to expand opportunities for high  
11 achievement; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Kevin M. Foster for his work and  
14 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Dr. Foster as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
18 House of Representatives.