

By: Herrero

H.R. No. 2695

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mark Collette, a former reporter for the *Corpus*
2 *Christi Caller-Times*, was honored at the 12th annual First
3 Amendment Awards and Scholarship Dinner, presented by the Fort
4 Worth chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists on April
5 17, 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, These unique accolades recognize exceptional
7 journalism that defends the freedom of the press as guaranteed by
8 the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, supports the public's
9 right to know, and champions the powerless and disadvantaged; and

10 WHEREAS, Competing in the category for newspapers with a
11 circulation of less than 50,000, Mr. Collette won the general news
12 award for his story headlined "Public Never Had a Say on Costco"
13 published in the *Caller-Times*; he also won in the investigative
14 category for his examination of state licensing of counselors; and

15 WHEREAS, Through his skill, hard work, and dedication to the
16 principles enshrined in the First Amendment, Mark Collette has
17 earned well-deserved recognition from his professional peers for
18 his journalistic excellence; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Mark Collette for winning two 2015
21 First Amendment Awards from the Fort Worth Society of Professional
22 Journalists and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
23 success; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Mr. Collette as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.