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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The *Monitor* newspaper of McAllen made a very fine
2 showing in the 2015 Texas Associated Press Managing Editors
3 Headliners Excellence in Journalism Awards, competing against
4 other papers of similar size in Class AAA; and

5 WHEREAS, Past and present staff members were recognized with
6 multiple awards for their work in the *Monitor*; metro editor Jared
7 Taylor received first place in the Star Breaking News Report of the
8 Year category, while former staffer Jacob Fischler won the Star
9 Reporter of the Year title, as well as second place for Specialty
10 Reporting; and

11 WHEREAS, Former staff photographer Gabe Hernandez earned two
12 first-place awards, in the Photo Gallery and Photojournalism
13 categories, and former staff member Elizabeth Findell earned first
14 place in the Specialty Reporting category; moreover, lead graphic
15 designer Juan Luevano took home two first-place awards, in the
16 Feature Page Design by an Individual and Infographics categories;
17 the paper's other first-place winner was film critic Brooke Corso,
18 in the Comment and Criticism category; and

19 WHEREAS, Demonstrating the depth of talent at the newspaper,
20 the staff also collected many other trophies; second-place awards
21 went to book reviewer David Bowles for Comment and Criticism, Joel
22 Martinez for Spot News Photography, Kristen Mosbrucker for Business
23 Reporting, and Mr. Fischler, Lorenzo Zazueta-Castro, and Amanda
24 Taylor for Star Breaking News Report of the Year; moreover,

1 Ms. Taylor shared in the third-place award for Feature Series with
2 former reporter Madeleine Smither and former features editor Amy
3 Nichol Smith; third-place winners also included Sandra Sanchez for
4 Editorial Writing, Delcia Lopez for Star Photographer of the Year,
5 and Brad Nibert for News Page Design by an Individual; among several
6 honorable mentions was Amy Casebier in Star Designer of the Year;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The many accolades garnered by the *Monitor* reflect
9 the paper's strong commitment to quality journalism, and the
10 winners may indeed take pride in their accomplishments; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the *Monitor* newspaper on its strong
14 performance in the 2015 Texas Associated Press Managing Editors
15 Headliners Excellence in Journalism Awards and extend to the
16 honorees sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the paper as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.