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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, J. J. Avila has distinguished himself through his
2 performance as a high school and college basketball player, and he
3 is indeed worthy of special recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Avila was a four-year starter for the McAllen
5 High School basketball team, and he twice led the Bulldogs to the
6 regional finals of the University Interscholastic League state
7 playoffs; he finished his high school career as McAllen's all-time
8 leading scorer, and he was recognized for his talents on the
9 hardwood with a number of prestigious awards, including two
10 All-Valley Player of the Year Awards, District 30-5A MVP honors,
11 and selection to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches
12 All-State team; and

13 WHEREAS, Continuing his athletic career at the collegiate
14 level, Mr. Avila chose to attend the U.S. Naval Academy as a member
15 of the basketball team; he went on to enjoy one of the top debut
16 seasons in Navy history, shining in numerous statistical categories
17 and leading all freshmen in scoring for the Patriot League; he
18 excelled during his sophomore campaign as well, averaging 15.9
19 points and 7.2 rebounds per game to lead the Midshipmen; he
20 eventually left the academy and moved back to McAllen, where he
21 enrolled at South Texas College and worked diligently to refine his
22 game by competing in city leagues; eager to reenter the world of
23 major college basketball, he accepted an athletic scholarship to
24 Colorado State University for the 2013-2014 season; and

1 WHEREAS, This gifted player quickly became a valuable asset
2 for the Rams, starting all 32 games as a junior and securing a spot
3 on the third team All-Mountain West squad; Mr. Avila followed that
4 performance with an outstanding senior season, helping the team
5 compile an impressive 27-7 overall record and clinch the No. 1 seed
6 in the National Invitation Tournament, and earning all-conference
7 honors for the second consecutive year; and

8 WHEREAS, J. J. Avila has demonstrated admirable dedication in
9 pursuit of his goals, and he may reflect with justifiable pride on
10 his achievements as he looks ahead to a bright and promising future;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby commend J. J. Avila for his achievements as a
14 student-athlete and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
15 success; and, be it further

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