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H.R. No. 915

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than 40 years, the National Association for
2 Bilingual Education has contributed greatly to the success of
3 multilingual education in the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in the mid-1970s, NABE seeks to improve
5 instructional practices for linguistically and culturally diverse
6 children and to provide multilingual educators with high-quality
7 professional development opportunities; it also works to secure
8 funding for foreign language education and for programs serving
9 English-language learners, who come to English as native speakers
10 of more than 100 languages, of which Spanish is the most common;
11 across the United States, bilingual programs are also available to
12 native speakers of German, French, Chinese, Vietnamese, Navaho, and
13 Apache; and

14 WHEREAS, The only national professional organization that
15 represents multilingual educational professionals and their
16 students, NABE has affiliates in 18 states and more than 5,000
17 members nationwide; the latter include teachers, parents,
18 administrators, professors, researchers, and policy makers who
19 promote the use of native languages for classroom instruction and
20 for everyday life; and

21 WHEREAS, NABE has also worked with the Hispanic Education
22 Council and National Hispanic Leadership to advocate in behalf of
23 bilingual students; moreover, it has played a role in the adoption
24 of Seal of Biliteracy programs in nine states, which recognize

1 students who have attained proficiency in English and one or more
2 other languages by the time they graduate from high school with a
3 special seal that becomes a part of their transcript or diploma; and

4 WHEREAS, Knowledge of more than one language helps Americans
5 compete in an international economy and develop understanding of
6 other cultures, and over the course of four decades, NABE has helped
7 to develop multiliterate citizens who contribute to the civic,
8 economic, cultural, and technological advancement of our nation;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commend the National Association for Bilingual
12 Education for its advocacy in behalf of multilingualism and extend
13 to its officers and members sincere best wishes for continued
14 success; and, be it further

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