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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Erik Taliaferro of Corpus Christi is being awarded a
- 2 2017-2018 Joe A. Gonzalez (JAG) Education Is Our Freedom GED
- 3 College Scholarship; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Taliaferro attends Del Mar College, where he is
- 5 studying liberal arts; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The Education Is Our Freedom scholarship program was
- 7 founded by Joe Gonzalez, a longtime public servant and advocate for
- 8 education; Mr. Gonzalez is currently serving his second term as
- 9 Nueces County commissioner for Precinct 2, having first been
- 10 elected to that office in 2010; he previously worked for more than
- 11 two decades with the United States Department of Justice, and after
- 12 retiring from the DOJ in 1999, he spent nine years as justice of the
- 13 peace for Precinct 1, Place 1, in Nueces County; he created the
- 14 Education Is Our Freedom program in memory of the late Drs. Hector
- 15 P. Garcia, Cleo Garcia, and Xico Garcia, and since its
- 16 establishment in 2005, some 1,165 scholarships have been awarded;
- 17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, A most deserving recipient, Erik Taliaferro is
- 19 demonstrating impressive drive and ability as he works toward his
- 20 scholastic and personal goals, and he may indeed look forward to a
- 21 future bright with promise; now, therefore, be it
- 22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
- 23 Legislature hereby congratulate Erik Taliaferro on his receipt of a
- 24 Joe A. Gonzalez (JAG) Education Is Our Freedom GED College

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- 1 Scholarship and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
- 2 success in all his endeavors; and, be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 4 prepared for Mr. Taliaferro as an expression of high regard by the
- 5 Texas House of Representatives.