

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Venissia Villarreal, an assistant principal at Earl
2 Warren High School in San Antonio, helped inspire the filing of
3 Senate Bill 1152 during the 85th Texas Legislature; and

4 WHEREAS, During the 2016-2017 academic year, two students
5 from Warren High took time off from school to take the oath of
6 enlistment and to complete other requirements to prepare for their
7 service in the United States military following graduation; their
8 absences counted against their attendance record, as Texas law does
9 not permit missing school for such a purpose, even though high
10 school students are allowed up to two days of absences to visit
11 college campuses; and

12 WHEREAS, In support of the students, Ms. Villarreal brought
13 their stories to the attention of Texas State Senator José
14 Menéndez, who subsequently introduced S.B. 1152 to address this
15 issue; the legislation would allow students 17 years of age or older
16 to miss up to four days of school for the purpose of pursuing
17 enlistment in a branch of the U.S. armed services or the Texas
18 National Guard; Ms. Villarreal also excused the students from
19 school on March 8, 2017, so that they could travel to the State
20 Capitol to testify before the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs
21 and Border Security; and

22 WHEREAS, Venissia Villarreal has demonstrated an exceptional
23 commitment to teaching her students about the importance of civic
24 engagement, and she is truly deserving of special recognition for

1 her efforts; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby commend Venissia Villarreal for her part in
4 inspiring Texas Senate Bill 1152 and extend to her sincere best
5 wishes for the future; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Ms. Villarreal as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1920

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1920 was adopted by the House on May 5, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House