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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Albert Duran, a senior at Earl Warren High School in
2 San Antonio, has enlisted in the United States Navy, and his
3 experiences during the enlistment process have helped inspire the
4 filing of Senate Bill 1152 during the 85th Texas Legislature; and

5 WHEREAS, Determined to serve his nation after he graduates,
6 Mr. Duran took time off from school to take the oath of enlistment
7 and to complete other requirements; these absences were counted
8 against his attendance record, as Texas law does not permit missing
9 school for such a purpose, even though high school students are
10 allowed up to two days of absences to visit college campuses; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Duran's story gained the attention of Texas
12 State Senator José Menéndez, who subsequently introduced S.B. 1152
13 to address the issue; the legislation would allow students 17 years
14 of age or older to miss up to four days of school for the purpose of
15 pursuing enlistment in a branch of the U.S. armed services or the
16 Texas National Guard; in support of the bill, Mr. Duran traveled to
17 the State Capitol on March 8, 2017, to testify before the Senate
18 Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security; and

19 WHEREAS, Albert Duran is the son of Ernesto and Sabrena
20 Duran; in choosing to join the armed forces, he is following in the
21 footsteps of his father, who has proudly served as a member of the
22 U.S. Army; and

23 WHEREAS, This notable young Texan has demonstrated an
24 exceptional commitment not only to defending his country but also

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1 to assisting other students considering military careers, and he is
2 truly deserving of special recognition for his efforts; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend Albert Duran for enlisting in the U.S.
6 Navy and for his part in inspiring Texas Senate Bill 1152; and, be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Duran as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.