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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Joe A. Gonzalez (JAG) Education Is Our Freedom
2 GED College Scholarship Program is hosting its annual banquet on
3 July 25, 2017, in Corpus Christi; and

4 WHEREAS, Funds raised by this outstanding community event
5 will support grants for deserving GED graduates in the Coastal Bend
6 area who want to pursue a college degree; and

7 WHEREAS, The Education Is Our Freedom scholarship program was
8 founded by Joe Gonzalez, a longtime public servant and advocate for
9 education; Mr. Gonzalez is currently serving his second term as
10 Nueces County commissioner for Precinct 2, having first been
11 elected to that office in 2010; he previously served for more than
12 two decades with the United States Department of Justice, and after
13 retiring from the DOJ in 1999, he spent nine years as justice of the
14 peace for Precinct 1, Place 1, in Nueces County; he created the
15 Education Is Our Freedom program in memory of the late Drs. Hector
16 P. Garcia, Cleo Garcia, and Xico Garcia, and since its
17 establishment in 2005, some 1,000 scholarships have been awarded;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Education is vital to the continued prosperity and
20 dynamism of the Lone Star State, and through his scholarship
21 program, Joe A. Gonzalez has demonstrated a noteworthy commitment
22 to helping prepare students to meet the challenges and
23 opportunities that lie ahead; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby honor the Joe A. Gonzalez (JAG) Education Is Our
2 Freedom GED College Scholarship Program on the occasion of its
3 annual banquet and extend to all those involved in the fund-raiser
4 sincere best wishes for a successful and memorable event; and, be it
5 further

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