

By: Rodriguez

H.R. No. 801

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Blake Rocap has tirelessly advocated for
2 reproductive rights in his work as legal counsel for NARAL
3 Pro-Choice Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Rocap first undertook his duties as a counsel
5 and spokesperson for the organization in 2008, and he is currently
6 serving in his sixth legislative session in that capacity; and

7 WHEREAS, Raised in San Angelo, Mr. Rocap earned a bachelor's
8 degree in American studies and government from The University of
9 Texas at Austin, and he went on to graduate with a law degree from
10 the Texas Tech University School of Law; his belief in the ability
11 of the legal system to support the public good has been a touchstone
12 throughout his life, and that view inspired him to become a founding
13 member of the Student Public Interest Initiative while completing
14 his law studies; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Rocap's commitment to public service was also
16 evident in his work as a committee clerk for the House Committee on
17 Pensions and Investments in 2007, a position in which he gained his
18 first in-depth experience with the workings of the Texas
19 Legislature; and

20 WHEREAS, This accomplished attorney has also shared his
21 expertise with other groups focused on the issue of reproductive
22 freedom in Texas; for the past decade, he has been involved with the
23 Jane's Due Process organization, where he is currently legal
24 director and has also served on the board of directors and the legal

1 advisory board; moreover, he has been a member of the board for the
2 Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas since 2014,
3 and he is active in the Trust. Respect. Access. coalition; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition to fulfilling his professional
5 responsibilities, Mr. Rocap is a dedicated father and partner, and
6 his friendship is treasured by numerous people in the Capitol
7 community and beyond; and

8 WHEREAS, For the past decade, Blake Rocap has devoted himself
9 to advancing the mission of NARAL Pro-Choice Texas, and his
10 dedicated efforts will continue to be appreciated by his colleagues
11 in the years ahead; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize Blake Rocap for his service as legal
14 counsel for NARAL Pro-Choice Texas and extend to him sincere best
15 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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