

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ communities across the state have greatly  
2 benefited from the dedicated efforts of Ricardo Martinez, who  
3 currently serves as chief executive officer of Equality Texas; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Mexico, Mr. Martinez became the first  
5 Latinx man to lead Equality Texas in 2019, and he has since worked  
6 tirelessly to advance the organization's mission of ending  
7 discrimination against LGBTQIA+ communities; in performing his  
8 duties as chief executive officer, he has drawn on a wealth of  
9 experience with nonprofit fundraising, organizing, advocacy, and  
10 leadership; and

11           WHEREAS, Prior to joining Equality Texas, Mr. Martinez  
12 helped countless students through his work with PENCIL and Summer  
13 Search; he went on to become senior manager of field services at  
14 GLSEN before being named president of the organization's chapter in  
15 Phoenix, Arizona; in that role, he contributed significantly to a  
16 movement that resulted in the repeal of an Arizona law prohibiting  
17 LGBTQIA+ representation, content, and history in school  
18 curriculum; he further distinguished himself as national director  
19 for constituent engagement at Stand for Children; and

20           WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez has been honored for his leadership in  
21 the LGBTQIA+ community by the Barack Obama administration, and he  
22 was awarded a 40 Under Forty award from Stony Brook University in  
23 2019; he holds a bachelor's degree in political science and history  
24 from Stony Brook and a master's degree in nonprofit management from

1 the New School; and

2 WHEREAS, Ricardo Martinez has demonstrated a deep commitment  
3 to building a better future for LGBTQIA+ communities in Texas and  
4 beyond, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his many noteworthy  
5 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Ricardo Martinez  
8 for his service to LGBTQIA+ communities and extend to him sincere  
9 best wishes for continued success in his important work; and, be it  
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Mr. Martinez as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.

González of El Paso  
González of Dallas  
Zwiener  
Johnson of Dallas

H.R. No. 253

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 253 was adopted by the House on  
October 18, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House