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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The 19 Fellows of the 2021 Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program have ably served the citizens of Texas during the 87th Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, The program is sponsored by the Mexican American Legislative Leadership Foundation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established by the Mexican American Legislative Caucus to foster the development of leadership skills among Latino youth; in 2003, the foundation launched its fellowship to offer outstanding undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to gain firsthand experience in the functions and operations of the Texas House of Representatives during a legislative session; it is named in honor of the late Paul C. Moreno, the longest-serving Hispanic member of the house, and the late Irma Rangel, the first Mexican American woman to serve in the Texas Legislature; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, the program welcomed the largest class of Fellows since its inception, including Tsion Amare Mengesha, Daniel Arizpe, Yuri Barragán, Fabiola Barreto, Bianca Carrizal, Leonardo Garcia, Rebecca Flores, Lyssette Galvan, Lorraine Garcia, Jacqueline Gheorghe, Sandra Lopez, Melissa Medina, Andrea Medina-Alvarado, Any Ojeda Alamilla, Andrea Orozco, Pedro Ortiz Menchaca, Brandy Ann Pena, Ana Silbas, and Jacquelyne Valladares; and

WHEREAS, During the session, these 19 talented students worked alongside veteran staff on policy matters in the offices of representatives, and they participated in weekly seminars where they interacted with Latino leaders, elected officials, and state agency personnel; their challenging responsibilities helped them learn more about the legislative process and the issues facing citizens of the Lone Star State; moreover, they gained valuable insights into the nature of public service and the many ways in which they can contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, The Fellows of the 2021 Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program performed their duties as policy aides with skill and dedication, and they are indeed deserving of special recognition for their fine work; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby commend the Fellows of the 2021 Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program for their exceptional efforts and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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