

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A group from St. Mary's University has gathered in
2 the chamber on this day, February 11, 2009, and their visit to the
3 Capitol offers a welcome opportunity to honor this respected
4 liberal arts institution; and

5 WHEREAS, The oldest university in San Antonio and the oldest
6 Catholic university in Texas, St. Mary's was established by
7 Marianist brothers and priests in 1852; its 135-acre campus
8 northwest of downtown is home to a diverse student body with a
9 current enrollment of approximately 4,000, and a 13-1
10 student-to-faculty ratio fosters a close-knit and supportive
11 academic community; and

12 WHEREAS, Students may choose from more than 40 academic
13 programs as well as from numerous preprofessional programs offered
14 through five schools, the Bill Greehey School of Business, the
15 School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the School of Science,
16 Engineering and Technology, Graduate School, and Law School; in
17 addition to its outstanding academic programs, the school takes
18 pride in its athletic record, having won five national titles in
19 basketball, baseball, softball, and golf, and serving as home to
20 more than 160 All-American Scholar athletes; and

21 WHEREAS, St. Mary's is ranked fourth in the West region for
22 best value and quality by *U.S. News & World Report*, and its
23 graduation rates are among the highest in Texas; moreover, more
24 than 70 percent of its students participate in community service,

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1 and statistics show that over 300 of its alumni have been elected to
2 public office, ranging from city councils to the United States
3 Congress; and

4 WHEREAS, With Dr. Charles Cotrell as its president since
5 2000, the university is continuing to build on its rich tradition of
6 promoting academic excellence while encouraging leadership and
7 service to the greater community; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor St. Mary's University for the educational
10 opportunities it offers its students and extend an official welcome
11 to the visiting delegation from the school.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 406 was adopted by the House on February 11, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House