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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Marely Rodriguez of South San Antonio High School
2 earned a gold medal at the 2025 Region 20E High School Visual Art
3 Scholastic Event on February 22, qualifying her for the state
4 competition; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1994, VASE is a Texas Art Education
6 Association-sponsored contest that recognizes exemplary student
7 achievement in the visual arts; each participant creates a piece,
8 writes about their process in making it, and completes an interview
9 with a VASE juror, who evaluates their entry using a
10 standards-based rubric; and

11 WHEREAS, Inspired by recent events in her personal life,
12 Ms. Rodriguez created the mixed-media sculpture *Not Coming Back*,
13 which focuses on the depiction of core memories she shares with her
14 older sister; in addition to her achievements at VASE, she was a
15 winner of the 2023 South San Antonio Independent School District
16 Holiday Card Contest, with her design becoming the official artwork
17 for the district's greeting postcard; and

18 WHEREAS, This gifted young Texan has demonstrated
19 outstanding talent, creativity, and dedication to her craft, and
20 she may indeed take great pride in her exceptional showing in the
21 VASE competition; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Marely Rodriguez on earning a gold
24 medal at the 2025 Region 20E High School Visual Art Scholastic Event

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1 and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Ms. Rodriguez as an expression of high regard by the
5 Texas House of Representatives.