

House Resolution 301

By: Representatives Lopez Romero of the 99th, Marin of the 96th, Hutchinson of the 107th, and Clark of the 108th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ignacio Montoya; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ignacio Montoya came to this country from Cuba at the age of six with his
3 father; and

4 WHEREAS, he decided to pursue a career in aerospace engineering and enrolled in Georgia
5 State University and in the Georgia Institute of Technology's Air Force ROTC; he was on
6 his way to becoming one of the best United States fighter pilots when his life changed
7 drastically, with a motorcycle accident that left him paralyzed; and

8 WHEREAS, Ignacio has never allowed his condition to paralyze his mind; he has worked
9 extensively to understand the accident and his physical limitations in order to find solutions
10 to the problem; and

11 WHEREAS, he pursued a master's degree in biomedical innovation and development at the
12 Georgia Institute of Technology in order to develop better ways to help patients with spinal
13 cord injuries; and

14 WHEREAS, by using his own experience and body as a model for creating innovative
15 treatments, Ignacio has begun to revolutionize care for patients with spinal cord injuries; and

16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this
17 extraordinary Georgian be appropriately recognized.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body recognize Ignacio Montoya for his perseverance and strength;
20 commend him for his hard work to make advancements in the field of biomedical
21 engineering, particularly for treatment of spinal cord injuries; and extend their most sincere
22 best wishes for his continued success.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
25 Ignacio Montoya.