

House Resolution 695

By: Representative Leverett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending John Matthew Fernandez; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, a gifted student appointed to the United States Military Academy West Point,
3 John Matthew Fernandez has been recognized for his superlative academic achievements;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, within the applicant pool, only 1,241 students were selected out of the 14,000
6 applicants that applied; and

7 WHEREAS, John Matthew Fernandez ranks in the top 10 of students in his high school class
8 and has an excellent 4.0 GPA; and

9 WHEREAS, John Matthew Fernandez has served as a member of the Junior Reserve
10 Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) for his school for the entirety of his high school career;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, while serving in JROTC, Matthew served as cadet lieutenant colonel and
13 brigade executive officer (the second highest ranking cadet, in charge of the brigade staff),
14 leading the Brigade Staff to score a 99.50 percent in the army inspection this past year; and

15 WHEREAS, Matthew was awarded the Top Cadet in the Cadet Challenge (95%) in 2021,
16 was in the top ten the last three years, received the Military Excellence Award from the
17 American Legion, and received the Military Excellence Award from the Sons of the
18 American Revolution; and

19 WHEREAS, Matthew's accomplishments have been a source of great pride for his parents,
20 David and Anne Fernandez, and his sister, Amanda Fernandez; and

21 WHEREAS, Matthew also served on the Elbert County JROTC Raider Team for all four
22 years of his high school career, competed in Raider Nationals all four years, was selected
23 Raider Commander in 2021, helped the team win a Georgia State Championship in 2019, and
24 competed in the Ultimate Raider Competition during the 2021 school year (only one person
25 per school can compete); and

26 WHEREAS, Matthew also excelled academically, serving three years on the JROTC
27 Academic Team, and in his junior year was captain of the team; and

28 WHEREAS, this remarkable individual has established a glowing reputation of renown
29 throughout Georgia for his dedication and high ideals; and

30 WHEREAS, John Matthew Fernandez has personified the selfless dedication, mental agility,
31 verbal adroitness, and personal maturity necessary for superlative academic performance;
32 and

33 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia looks with great anticipation toward the future of this
34 bright and promising young citizen.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body heartily commend John Matthew Fernandez for being appointed
37 to the United States Military Academy West Point and express their most sincere best wishes
38 for continued academic and career success.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to John
41 Matthew Fernandez.