

## House Resolution 1519

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending el Centro de Formación Integral de Cigar Family Complex;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, under the guiding hands of its owners, the Fuente and Newman families, and  
4 the exemplary work ethic demonstrated daily by its dedicated volunteers, the Cigar Family  
5 Charitable Foundation (CFCF) has grown from its humble beginnings in 2001 to become a  
6 respectable charity that has greatly improved the lives of many people in the mountainous  
7 Bonao region of the Dominican Republic, while simultaneously catering to cigar lovers in  
8 the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, the dedicated efforts of the CFCF led to the creation of the 23 acre Cigar Family  
10 Complex, which includes a primary and secondary school known as el Centro de Formación  
11 Integral de Cigar Family Complex and which services 455 students; and

12 WHEREAS, eighty-seven percent of the graduates of el Centro de Formación Integral de  
13 Cigar Family Complex are currently enrolled in college or have become working  
14 professionals; and

15 WHEREAS, more than 8,000 families in 16 communities utilize the program's services in  
16 some way; and

17 WHEREAS, el Centro de Formación Integral de Cigar Family Complex has brought special  
18 recognition to the Dominican Republic by receiving the first UN Global Compact Award  
19 given in the country; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
21 extraordinary school be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body recognize and commend el Centro de Formación Integral de Cigar  
24 Family Complex for its many outstanding contributions to the education and well-being of  
25 young people and extend best wishes for its continued growth, development, and success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to el  
28 Centro de Formación Integral de Cigar Family Complex.