

## **A Long Walk For a Cause**

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Four immigrant students arrived at the White House on Wednesday after walking from Miami to raise support for legislation to open a path to legal status for students who are illegal immigrants.

The students, Juan Rodriguez, 20, Felipe Matos, 24, Gaby Pacheco, 25, and Carlos Roa, 22, started walking on Jan. 1, hoping to press Congress to adopt a bill known by its supporters at the Dream Act. Mr. Roa and Mr. Matos do not have legal status.

Last week, the bill's sponsors, Senator Richard J. Durbin, Democrat of Illinois, and Senator Richard G. Lugar, Republican of Indiana, wrote a letter asking President Obama to suspend deportations of students who are illegal immigrants. The bill would give legal status to immigrants who arrived in the United States at age 15 or younger.

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PHOTO: From left, Carlos Roa, Gaby Pacheco, Felipe Matos and Juan Rodriguez in Washington. (PHOTOGRAPH BY BRENDAN HOFFMAN FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES)

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