By: Hinojosa

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to 3 recognize Chief Judge Ricardo H. Hinojosa on 40 years of exemplary 4 service as a judicial official; and

5 WHEREAS, Ricardo Hinojosa served as chief judge of the United 6 States District Court for the Southern District of Texas from 2009 7 until 2016 and was nominated for federal judgeship by President 8 Ronald Reagan in April of 1983; and

9 WHEREAS, The Southern District, one of the Lone Star State's 10 four federal judicial districts, extends from Houston to Laredo and 11 is headquartered in Houston; Judge Hinojosa was the 25th judge to 12 serve the Southern District since its creation in 1902; and

WHEREAS, Ricardo Hinojosa was born in Rio Grande City to Miguel and Josefina Hinojosa; he was the valedictorian of his graduating class at Rio Grande City High School, and he went on to earn his bachelor's degree with honors from The University of Texas in 1972 before graduating from Harvard Law School in 1975; and

18 WHEREAS, After earning his law degree, Ricardo Hinojosa 19 clerked for the Texas Supreme Court for one year and entered private 20 practice with Ewers and Toothaker Law Firm in McAllen; he went on to 21 hold the positions of commissioner, acting chair, and chair for the 22 United States Sentencing Commission, and he taught at The 23 University of Texas Law School from 2001 through 2003; and

24 WHEREAS, Highly respected by the residents of the Rio Grande

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1 Valley for his outstanding leadership and his commitment to 2 justice, Judge Hinojosa gives generously of his time and resources 3 to serve his community and his judicial district; he was named one 4 of "America's Top 40 Public Servants" by *Management Magazine* and 5 was a member of the advisory group on sentencing for the American 6 Law Institute's Model Penal Code project; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition to his dedicated public service, Judge 8 Hinojosa served as a member of the President's Commission on White 9 House Fellows and as chairman of the Texas Commission on the 10 Bicentennial of the United States Constitution; and

11 WHEREAS, A man of humility, grace, and integrity, Judge Hinojosa takes pride in upholding the law and protecting and 12 13 representing the interests of his community and his state; he credits his parents, teachers, and mentors for forging his strength 14 15 of character and his commitment to service, and he continually 16 expresses his gratitude for their invaluable lessons; it is truly fitting that he receive special recognition on his years of 17 distinguished service to the people of Texas and on his many 18 contributions to our state's bright future; now, therefore, be it 19

20 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas 21 hereby commend Chief Judge Ricardo H. Hinojosa on 40 years of 22 exceptional judicial service and extend to him best wishes in all of 23 his endeavors; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for him 25 as an expression of esteem from the Texas Legislature.

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