By: Hinojosa S.C.R. No. 41

1 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

WHEREAS, Ricardo Hinojosa served as chief judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas from 2009 until 2016 and was nominated for federal judgeship by President 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

WHEREAS, After earning his law degree, Ricardo Hinojosa clerked for the Texas Supreme Court for one year and entered private practice with Ewers and Toothaker Law Firm in McAllen; he went on to hold the positions of commissioner, acting chair, and chair for the United States Sentencing Commission, and he taught at The 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
- 12 Hinojosa takes pride in upholding the law and protecting and
- 13 representing the interests of his community and his state; he
- 14 credits his parents, teachers, and mentors for forging his strength
- 15 of character and his commitment to service, and he continually
- 16 expresses his gratitude for their invaluable lessons; it is truly
- 17 fitting that he receive special recognition on his years of
- 18 distinguished service to the people of Texas and on his many
- 19 contributions to our state's bright future; now, therefore, be it
- 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.