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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Fred Cantú, a treasured news reporter who is retiring from CBS/Telemundo Austin on March 31, 2025, after working for more than 50 years in radio and television journalism; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Brownsville, Fred Cantú developed a passion for broadcasting from a young age, and he began pursuing his vocation at a local radio station at the age of 17; he earned a degree in journalism from The University of Texas at Austin in 1990, and soon after, he secured a position in the television industry as a tape editor for the Austin ABC news affiliate, KVUE, before he was hired as a feature reporter for Fox in Austin; and

WHEREAS, In the previous 45 years, Fred has served as a news anchor, reporter, and producer for several major news affiliates, and he earned a reputation as "the most affable and unassuming news anchor in the River City" during his tenure on KVUE's "Daybreak" morning broadcast from 1995 to 2001; he moved to the CBS affiliate KEYE in 2002 as the first male anchor at Telemundo Austin, and he is retiring from CBS Austin News after more than two decades with the station; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed television personality shaped his exemplary career through an uncompromising work ethic and by upholding the highest standards of journalistic integrity; his

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colleagues admire him as an insightful local historian and a measured, calming presence in the newsroom; and

WHEREAS, Widely known and referred to as "Uncle Fred", Fred Cantú is a beloved Austin public figure who has helped inform Central Texans on events that shape their awareness and understanding of their communities and the world, and his presence on the Austin airwaves will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby recognize Fred Cantú for his exemplary career in broadcasting and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.