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H.R. No. 67

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Hector V. Barreto, national administrator of the  
2 U.S. Small Business Administration, has for many years  
3 distinguished himself as a business leader and small business  
4 advocate of the highest caliber, and recently he has joined with the  
5 Texas Department of Economic Development to bring federal support  
6 to the Lone Star State's finance and incentive programs; and

7           WHEREAS, This partnership, which was formalized on May 9,  
8 2003, in a memorandum of understanding, also calls for the two  
9 agencies to form a strategic alliance in the sponsorship of a  
10 Texas-based entrepreneur center; such an endeavor, when realized,  
11 will bring unprecedented opportunities to small business owners in  
12 our state and to businesspeople throughout the southwest region of  
13 the United States; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Barreto is a native of Kansas City, Missouri,  
15 who developed his interest in business and commerce at an early age;  
16 as a young man, he helped his father manage a family restaurant, an  
17 import/export business, and a construction company; following his  
18 graduation from Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mr. Barreto  
19 was named South Texas area manager for the Miller Brewing Company;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, This industrious individual moved to California in  
22 1986 to launch his own company, Barreto Insurance and Financial  
23 Services, and he later served as chairman of the board for the Latin  
24 Business Association in Los Angeles and as vice chairman of the

1 board of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; on July 25, 2001,  
2 Mr. Barreto was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the nation's 21st  
3 administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, an office  
4 he has held with great distinction, and the members of the Lone Star  
5 State's business community look forward to working with a man of  
6 such vision, integrity, and commitment; now, therefore, be it

7         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
8 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the  
9 accomplishments of Hector V. Barreto and extend to him warmest best  
10 wishes for future success; and, be it further

11         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Mr. Barreto as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.