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H.R. No. 165

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Over the course of an illustrious career in law,
2 business, and public service, the Honorable Robert F. Barnes of
3 Hidalgo County has proven himself to be a man of great dedication,
4 integrity, and distinction; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Danville, Illinois, Judge Barnes learned
6 the value of community service at an early age, earning the notable
7 rank of Eagle Scout before embarking on his undergraduate studies
8 at the University of Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, During World War II he answered his nation's call to
10 duty and served as an infantry platoon leader, later transferring
11 to the United States Air Force to pilot P-51s in the Pacific theater
12 of operations; on his return to civilian life, he came to the Laredo
13 area to build a successful business in customhouse brokerage,
14 Robert F. Barnes Custom Broker, and by 1948 had completed his doctor
15 of jurisprudence degree at the University of Illinois College of
16 Law; and

17 WHEREAS, In the ensuing decades, Judge Barnes has given
18 generously of his time and resources to assist charities and civic
19 groups in the city of McAllen, including the First United Methodist
20 Church, the International Toll Bridge Board, the Emergency
21 Ambulance Committee, and both the Chamber of Commerce and the
22 Junior Chamber of Commerce; moreover, he ably served as the mayor of
23 McAllen from 1961 to 1963, he was appointed to the post of district
24 court judge in 1987, and he currently serves his fellow citizens as

1 a senior district judge; and

2 WHEREAS, This devoted family man married the former Kathryn
3 Nelson in 1941, and he takes immense pride in the accomplishments of
4 his children, Robert and Barbara, and his three grandchildren;
5 throughout his life, he has shown an abiding love of community,
6 faith, and nation and earned the lasting respect of all who are
7 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend the Honorable
10 Robert F. Barnes on his lifetime of faithful service and extend to
11 him best wishes for continued success and happiness in all his
12 future endeavors; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Judge Barnes as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.