

By: Gutierrez

H.R. No. 166

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Leo Montalvo truly deserves special
2 legislative recognition for his outstanding service to the City of
3 McAllen; and

4 WHEREAS, In May 1997, this longtime McAllen resident became
5 the first Hispanic mayor of McAllen; reelected in June 2001, he has
6 demonstrated superb leadership and outstanding commitment, and his
7 many achievements include the interlocal agreements for
8 regionalization, the Tri-City agreement of the Anzalduas
9 International Crossing, and partnerships with South Texas
10 Community College, VIDA, and Region One; and

11 WHEREAS, Mayor Montalvo graduated from McAllen High School in
12 1962 before attending Texas A&M University, where he received a
13 bachelor of science degree in mathematics; he earned his master's
14 degree in education from The University of Texas--Pan American and
15 enjoyed a successful career in education working as a teacher,
16 principal, and assistant superintendent of schools; and

17 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin
18 School of Law, Mayor Montalvo was licensed by the State Bar in 1982
19 and is a partner in the law firm of Montalvo & Ramirez; in April
20 1983, he became McAllen city commissioner, and he served as mayor
21 pro tem from 1985 to 1993 before being elected four years later; and

22 WHEREAS, During Mayor Montalvo's two terms in office, city
23 taxes were never raised, yet this dedicated city leader oversaw a
24 number of water and sewer projects and met the needs of local

1 police, municipal courts, and emergency response teams; under Mayor
2 Montalvo's leadership, McAllen received the prestigious "All
3 America City" award and established a number of notable civic
4 endeavors, including a Texas Veterans Nursing Home, the Driscoll
5 Children's Sub-Specialty Clinic, the Texas A&M School of Rural
6 Public Health, the Dr. Ramiro Casso Allied Health Center, and the
7 Rita & Glen Roney Boys and Girls Club in North McAllen; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor Montalvo has been supported in all his
9 endeavors by his beloved wife, Bea Montalvo, and children, Marcus,
10 Michelle, Myra, and Michael; he is the proud grandfather of Celesia
11 Smith, Isabella Smith, Dominique Pena, Darmian Pena, Holden
12 Montalvo, Ethan Montalvo, and Viggo Montalvo; and

13 WHEREAS, Through hard work and an abiding commitment to his
14 ideals, Mr. Montalvo has made a lasting contribution to his
15 community and has positively influenced the lives of countless
16 individuals; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
18 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend Leo Montalvo for
19 his many contributions to the City of McAllen and extend to him best
20 wishes for future success and happiness; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Mayor Montalvo as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.