

By: Wise

H.R. No. 117

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For more than four decades, Jose M. Amador has  
2 dedicated himself to the betterment of agricultural practices in  
3 the State of Texas, and the Texas House of Representatives is  
4 pleased to pay tribute to this accomplished gentleman, who today  
5 serves with distinction as director of both the Texas Agricultural  
6 Experiment Station (TAES) in Weslaco and the Citrus Center at Texas  
7 A&M University at Kingsville; and

8           WHEREAS, This Cuban-born scientist is an alumnus of Louisiana  
9 State University in Baton Rouge, where he earned a bachelor's  
10 degree in agronomy, a master's degree in plant breeding, and a  
11 doctorate in plant pathology and biochemistry; he brought his  
12 considerable expertise to the Rio Grande Valley soon after  
13 graduation, working as a plant pathologist at TAES, and over the  
14 past 40 years his efforts in preventing and curing agricultural  
15 diseases have been of enormous benefit to farmers everywhere; and

16           WHEREAS, His work has earned him both international acclaim  
17 and frequent requests for assistance; a member of the Caribbean  
18 division of the American Phytopathological Society, which honored  
19 him with the Fredrick L. Wellman Award, Dr. Amador was nominated by  
20 President Bill Clinton to serve as a special consultant for the  
21 secretary of agriculture in 1994 and 1995; in addition, Dr. Amador  
22 has garnered many prestigious awards for his professional  
23 achievements, including the Texas A&M University Vice Chancellor  
24 Award in Excellence; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Amador is perhaps best known for his work as the  
2 director of TAES and its partner agency, the Citrus Center at Texas  
3 A&M University at Kingsville, and under his able guidance these two  
4 organizations have made a profound and positive impact on  
5 agricultural practices in Texas and other southern states, as well  
6 as those in Mexico, Central America, South America, and the  
7 Caribbean; supervising a staff of 15 scientists, 150 support staff  
8 members, and a total budget of \$3.5 million, this outstanding  
9 administrator continues to ensure our state's place at the  
10 forefront of agricultural research; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
12 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Jose M. Amador for  
13 his many exceptional contributions to agricultural science in the  
14 Lone Star State and extend to him best wishes for continued success  
15 and happiness in all his endeavors; and, be it further

16           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Dr. Amador as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
18 House of Representatives.