

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, February 5, 2003, marks the 83rd birthday of Robert
2 Perez Puente of San Antonio, and this occasion offers a fitting
3 opportunity to honor this remarkable man and to recognize his
4 myriad accomplishments; and

5 WHEREAS, Born February 5, 1920, in San Luis Potosi, Mexico,
6 Mr. Puente came to the United States in 1948, traveling to Michigan
7 to work in the Detroit auto industry; and

8 WHEREAS, It was during his years as an auto worker that he
9 met, fell in love with, and married his wife Herlinda; together they
10 had six children: Linda Puente Talbott, Robert Phillip Puente,
11 Julie Puente Salas, who shares her father's birthday, Maria Elena
12 Puente Lopez, Robert Richard Puente, and Carol Puente Urritia; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1954, Mr. Puente suffered a tragic accident at
14 the auto factory where he was employed, and he and his family
15 returned to Mexico to be nearer his family; several years later, the
16 family relocated to the United States once again, this time
17 settling permanently in San Antonio; and

18 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Herlinda Puente four years
19 later left this hard-working man as the single parent of six
20 children, and despite offers of assistance from his loved ones to
21 reduce his heavy workload by splitting up the children, he found the
22 strength and determination to keep the family together; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Puente found love again and married Ester Ipina
24 Puente several years later, and since that time the Puente family

1 has grown to include 23 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, In 1983, Mr. Puente retired from Smith Chevrolet,
4 bringing to a close a career characterized by integrity and
5 dedication; he spends his golden years in the embrace of his
6 children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, reminiscing
7 about his rich and rewarding life; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to Robert Perez Puente on the
10 occasion of his 83rd birthday and extend to him best wishes for a
11 joyful and memorable birthday celebration; and, be it further

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

Puente

H.R. No. 138

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 138 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House