

By: Puente

H.R. No. 138

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.