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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jose "Joe" Calvillo, Jr., a leading expert in career  
2 and technology education, retired from the Weslaco Independent  
3 School District (W.I.S.D.) in 2001 after more than 40 years; and

4 WHEREAS, The W.I.S.D. board of trustees has named the new  
5 district-wide career and technology education building the Joe  
6 Calvillo Jr. Career and Technology Educational Complex, and Mr.  
7 Calvillo joined colleagues, friends, and family members on December  
8 14, 2002, for the dedication ceremony; and

9 WHEREAS, During his impressive tenure with W.I.S.D., Mr.  
10 Calvillo held positions at Horton Elementary School and Sam Houston  
11 Elementary School, taught world history at Vocational Junior High  
12 School, and instructed students in distributive education at  
13 Weslaco High School; and

14 WHEREAS, In the early 1970s, he began 30 years of service as  
15 W.I.S.D.'s director of vocational education programs; under his  
16 leadership, the school district expanded its career and technology  
17 education programs from having approximately 25 teachers to more  
18 than 60 instructors and 100 courses; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to his work as director of vocational  
20 programs with W.I.S.D., Mr. Calvillo served as an adjunct professor  
21 for Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi and Texas A&I University  
22 in Kingsville; then, as a staff professor at Texas A&M University in  
23 Corpus Christi, he taught vocational and career and technology  
24 education teachers, supervisors, counselors, and directors for 22

1 years until his retirement in May 2002; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Calvillo is widely recognized as an expert in  
3 his field, and he has dedicated much time and energy to  
4 participating in numerous regional, state, and national vocational  
5 education organizations; he served two terms as president of the  
6 South Texas Career & Technology Administrators and Supervisors  
7 Association and was a state board member for the Career and  
8 Technology Administrators of Texas; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the course of his career Mr. Calvillo has  
10 received recognition from the Texas Distributive Education Clubs of  
11 America, Education Personnel Development Consortium D, Future  
12 Farmers of America, the Office Education Association, the Texas  
13 Association of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, and the  
14 Texas House of Representatives; moreover, he has been listed in  
15 *Who's Who Among School District Officials*, *Personalities of the*  
16 *South*, *Notable Americans of 1976-1977*, and *Community Leaders and*  
17 *Noteworthy Americans*; and

18 WHEREAS, Much sought after for his expertise, Mr. Calvillo  
19 currently serves various school districts as a consultant in career  
20 and technology education; he also continues to work as a program  
21 manager for the only career and technology education alternative  
22 teacher certification program in South Texas; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Calvillo has been a guiding influence in the  
24 lives of countless students and educators; his dedication to  
25 excellence in education has earned him the respect and admiration  
26 of his pupils and colleagues, and it is a pleasure to honor him at  
27 this time; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
2   Legislature hereby congratulate Jose "Joe" Calvillo, Jr., on the  
3   occasion of the dedication ceremony for the Joe Calvillo Jr. Career  
4   and Technology Educational Complex and extend to him sincere best  
5   wishes for happiness in the years to come; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7   prepared for Mr. Calvillo as an expression of high regard by the  
8   Texas House of Representatives.