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H.R. No. 778

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Arturo Duran of El Paso County is an outstanding
2 professional whose work in environmental affairs is truly worthy of
3 special recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Chihuahua, Mexico, Mr. Duran grew up in
5 Ciudad Juarez, where he was a distinguished student and served as
6 official speaker for the city of Juarez for winning first place in a
7 national speech contest; after graduating from high school, he
8 immigrated to the United States and attended New Mexico State
9 University in Las Cruces, earning bachelor's and master's degrees
10 in chemical engineering; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Duran has more than 12 years of management
12 experience, including nearly a decade working with the U.S.
13 Environmental Protection Agency on environmental restoration,
14 waste management programs, and national policies; currently, he is
15 the general manager of the Lower Valley Water District in El Paso
16 County; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2003, he was appointed to the Joint Public
18 Advisory Committee of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation
19 of North America; recently, he was chosen to be the chairman from
20 Texas to the business advisory council of the National Republican
21 Congressional Committee; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Duran's past professional service includes
23 serving as the U.S. Cochair for Health, Environment and Urban
24 Development between the United States and Mexico as well as health

1 and environmental advisor for 23 governors from the western United
2 States; he also has shared his expertise as advisor and facilitator
3 for the Interagency Task Force for Economic Development for the
4 Southwest Border; and

5 WHEREAS, His bicultural experiences make Mr. Duran an
6 invaluable conduit between the United States and Mexico, and his
7 efforts to protect and sustain the two countries' natural resources
8 have helped to improve the quality of life on both sides of the
9 border; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor Arturo Duran for his work and extend to him
12 best wishes for future success and happiness; and, be it further

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