

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Carlos Gonzalez celebrated his 80th birthday on  
2 January 21, 2003, and this joyous occasion is most deserving of  
3 special recognition; and

4           WHEREAS, A native Texan and third-generation U.S. citizen,  
5 Mr. Gonzalez was born in Mercedes in 1923; he went into the Civilian  
6 Conservation Corps at age 15 and the following year joined the  
7 United States Navy and served his country for four years during  
8 World War II; and

9           WHEREAS, When he returned from service, this esteemed Texan  
10 earned a degree from the University of Houston and went to work for  
11 the city's downtown post office; earning the respect and admiration  
12 of his colleagues and superiors, he was the first Hispanic to be in  
13 charge of the data collection site; after retiring from the post  
14 office in 1978, he went to work for Exxon; and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzalez has given generously of his time and  
16 talents to a host of worthwhile programs, including the Boy Scouts  
17 of America and the Knights of Columbus; he served as civic club  
18 president and was chairman of the committee to distribute Christmas  
19 baskets for the needy; and

20           WHEREAS, Carlos Gonzalez has brought great joy and happiness  
21 to the many people whose lives he has touched; a distinguished  
22 veteran who served with valor in the South Pacific, he has earned a  
23 special place in the hearts of all who are privileged to know him;  
24 now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Carlos Gonzalez on the joyous  
3 occasion of his 80th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes  
4 for continued happiness; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 951

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 951 was adopted by the House on May 16, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House