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H.R. No. 951

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.