

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Arturo Duran of El Paso has been named to the Joint
2 Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) of the North American Commission
3 for Environmental Cooperation, and this prestigious appointment
4 truly merits special recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, JPAC is comprised of 15 members--five each from
6 Canada, Mexico, and the United States--who are appointed by their
7 respective governments; members act independently and are
8 responsible for advising the environment ministers from each
9 country on all matters that fall within the scope of the North
10 American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Duran was born in Chihuahua, Mexico, and
12 immigrated to the United States and attended New Mexico State
13 University in Las Cruces; he earned bachelor's and master's degrees
14 in chemical engineering and has 13 years of experience in
15 environmental management, including 10 years managing
16 environmental restoration and waste management programs for the
17 Environmental Protection Agency; and

18 WHEREAS, This dedicated civic leader currently serves as
19 general manager of El Paso County's Lower Valley Water District, an
20 organization charged with providing potable water, sewer, solid
21 waste, parks and recreation, and flood control services to several
22 communities; his extensive leadership experience includes serving
23 as U.S. cochair for health, environment, and urban development
24 between the United States and Mexico and working as advisor and

1 facilitator for the Interagency Task Force for Economic Development
2 for the southwest border; and

3 WHEREAS, In addition to these notable accomplishments, Mr.
4 Duran was recently selected as chairman from Texas to the business
5 advisory council of the National Republican Congressional
6 Committee; and

7 WHEREAS, Arturo Duran is a devoted family man and exemplary
8 citizen who has demonstrated dedication and excellence in his many
9 worthwhile endeavors, and it is indeed a privilege to pay tribute to
10 him at this time; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Arturo Duran on his appointment to
13 the Joint Public Advisory Committee of the North American
14 Commission for Environmental Cooperation and commend him for his
15 numerous civic contributions; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 982

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 982 was adopted by the House on May 1, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House