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H.R. No. 1265

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable John Longoria has earned the gratitude  
2 of countless fellow citizens for his eminent public service and  
3 commitment to securing a brighter future for all Texans; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Elmendorf in 1945, Mr. Longoria graduated  
5 with honors from St. Mary's University in 1967; he subsequently  
6 joined the United States Army and attained the rank of captain;  
7 following his honorable discharge from the service, he returned to  
8 St. Mary's to attend law school, earning his J.D. in 1973; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Longoria won election to the House of  
10 Representatives in 1992 and served five consecutive terms before  
11 retiring at the end of the 77th Legislature; during his tenure in  
12 the house he held assignments on the Corrections, County Affairs,  
13 State Affairs, State Recreation Resources, and Public Health  
14 committees, and his tireless efforts as he kept faith with the trust  
15 invested in him won the respect and admiration of colleagues and  
16 constituents alike; and

17           WHEREAS, A longtime leader in local government and civic  
18 affairs, this distinguished gentleman has also served as Bexar  
19 County judge and Bexar County commissioner, vice president of the  
20 San Antonio Metropolitan Transit Authority, and chairman of the  
21 Bexar County Health Facilities Development Corporation and Bexar  
22 County Housing Finance Corporation; in addition, he has worked with  
23 the San Antonio Task Force on Energy, the Community Action Advisory  
24 Board, and the Literacy Board; and

1           WHEREAS, While shouldering the responsibilities of such  
2 offices and simultaneously managing an active law practice, John  
3 Longoria has further devoted countless hours to area youth; closely  
4 involved with the San Antonio Children's Shelter, he has served on  
5 the LEESA Bilingual Advisory Committee for the Harlandale  
6 Independent School District and on the boards of the Alamo Area  
7 Council of Girl Scouts, Catholic Family & Children's Services, and  
8 Youth Alternatives, Inc.; and

9           WHEREAS, In all his myriad endeavors, Mr. Longoria enjoys the  
10 love and support of a close-knit family; he and his wife, the former  
11 Patricia Ann Walden, are the proud parents of three sons, John,  
12 George, and James, and twin daughters, Lisa and Lydia; and

13           WHEREAS, The tremendous dedication, energy, and vision that  
14 John Longoria has brought to his many public posts have contributed  
15 immeasurably to the betterment of his community and the Lone Star  
16 State, and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize this esteemed Texan  
17 and valued friend; now, therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable John Longoria on his  
20 exemplary public service and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
21 success in all of his future endeavors; and, be it further

22           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Mr. Longoria as an expression of highest regard by the  
24 Texas House of Representatives.