By: Seaman H.R. No. 1347

## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In the year 2003, Corpus Christi resident William D.

2 Bonilla, Sr., marks 50 years of outstanding service in the practice

3 of law; and

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WHEREAS, A native of Calvert, he received a bachelor's degree

5 from Baylor University and a doctorate from The University of Texas

School of Law; licensed to practice in federal court for the

7 Southern District of Texas and before the 5th Circuit Court of

Appeals, he founded Bonilla Law Firm and today is the senior member

9 of the law offices of William D. Bonilla, P.C.; and

10 WHEREAS, His commitment to his colleagues includes service as

a board member and fellow of the College of the State Bar of Texas;

he chaired the commission on the selection, compensation, and

tenure of Texas judges and served on the committee of 100 to study

14 the selection of the state's judges; and

WHEREAS, He has been national president, national legal

advisor, and a member of the national board of directors of the

League of United Latin-American Citizens (LULAC) and has held

18 various offices statewide and locally; he served a presidential

19 appointment to the National Advisory Council of the Office of

Economic Opportunity, was an EEOC consultant, and represented the

21 United States government in South America; and

22 WHEREAS, Sharing his time and resources in behalf of this

23 community, Mr. Bonilla has chaired the Corpus Christi Housing

24 Authority board and has served on the Art Museum of South Texas

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- 1 board; this inspiring gentleman has been a longtime supporter of
- 2 the SER Jobs for Progress initiative, is a developer of the Bonilla
- 3 Plaza, a charter member of St. Pius X Catholic Church, and a
- 4 congregant of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church and St. Jude
- 5 Shrine; and
- 6 WHEREAS, William Bonilla is truly an outstanding attorney and
- 7 community leader who is most deserving of special recognition; now,
- 8 therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 10 Legislature hereby commend William D. Bonilla, Sr., for his
- 11 distinguished career in the law and extend to him best wishes for
- 12 future success and happiness; and, be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for Mr. Bonilla as an expression of high regard by the
- 15 Texas House of Representatives.