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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A great city is not judged by its size, power, or
2 wealth, but by the kind of man it chooses as its leader; and

3 WHEREAS, The three-time All-America City of Edinburg has
4 bestowed the honor and responsibility of leadership on Thomas
5 Eugene "Gene" Espinoza, elected in the spring of 2002 as city
6 council member by an informed and active constituency and appointed
7 mayor pro tem in the spring of 2003; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor Pro Tem Espinoza brings with him the strength
9 of character forged by a lifetime of achievements and lessons
10 learned, and in his new post he will continue building on Edinburg's
11 reputation as a regional leader in our beloved state; and

12 WHEREAS, This dedicated public servant puts a high priority
13 in the real objective of education, which is to give children
14 resources that will endure as long as life endures; habits that time
15 will ameliorate, not destroy; occupations that will render sickness
16 tolerable, solitude pleasant, age venerable, and life more
17 dignified and useful; and

18 WHEREAS, Mayor Pro Tem Espinoza's vision of leadership is
19 based on the belief that the best government is one that teaches us
20 to govern ourselves, and he is and will be a key figure in the
21 economic and educational advances that will propel Edinburg into
22 being one of the preeminent cities in Texas; and

23 WHEREAS, The foundation for a great city will be enhanced
24 during his public service through a great emphasis on public

1 safety, infrastructure, improvements, and government
2 accountability to the people; and

3 WHEREAS, The hopes for a great city will be realized during
4 his public service, including the planned opening of the \$20
5 million University of Texas Regional Academic Health Center,
6 multimillion dollar expansions of The University of Texas-Pan
7 American, and the further development of U.S. Expressway 281 into
8 the future Interstate Highway 69; and

9 WHEREAS, While serving as a member of the Edinburg City
10 Council, Gene Espinoza will set a high standard of leadership based
11 on his noble goal of being truly esteemed by his fellow citizens by
12 rendering himself worthy of their esteem; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature hereby commend Gene Espinoza for his past and future
15 service in behalf of Edinburg, the three-time All-America City;
16 and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mayor Pro Tem Espinoza as an expression of high regard
19 by the Texas House of Representatives.