

By: Escobar

H.R. No. 217

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, After 31 years of service to the city, Carlos Cantu  
2 is stepping down from his post as mayor of La Feria; and

3           WHEREAS, This esteemed leader attended Texas A&I in  
4 Kingsville, Texas Southmost in Brownsville, and Assumption  
5 Seminary in San Antonio, where he pursued the possibility of  
6 entering the priesthood; after graduating from Pan American College  
7 in 1966, he ultimately chose to dedicate his life to others as a  
8 classroom teacher and counselor, and he worked in the La Feria  
9 school system for 26 years; and

10           WHEREAS, In 1974, Mayor Cantu began his career in city  
11 government when he was elected alderman; after many years of  
12 dedicated service in that capacity, he was elected mayor in 1999,  
13 and he may take special pride in his efforts to transform the  
14 economic landscape of this South Texas town; and

15           WHEREAS, Among the many community development projects that  
16 have benefited from Mayor Cantu's six years of leadership are the  
17 Veteran's Memorial Sports Complex, the city swimming pool, A. J.  
18 Wilson field, the Water and Wastewater Project, and the Nature  
19 Park; and

20           WHEREAS, In addition, this La Feria native has been  
21 supportive of area businesses and committed to the expansion of  
22 city facilities and services, advancing the construction of a new  
23 fire station and city jail, and the expansion of the city library  
24 and city hall; and

1           WHEREAS, With the loving support of his wife Elizabeth and  
2 their six children, Carlos Cantu has helped lead La Feria into a new  
3 century; his efforts to promote the well-being of area residents  
4 and his vision for a prosperous and productive future will continue  
5 to benefit countless people for years to come; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
7 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Mayor Carlos Cantu  
8 for his contributions to the city of La Feria and extend to him  
9 sincere best wishes for all his future endeavors; and, be it further

10          RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for Mayor Cantu as an expression of high regard by the  
12 Texas House of Representatives.