

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rafael Hernando III of El Paso is an outstanding
2 Texan who has been recognized by the Socorro Independent School
3 District with a school named for him; and

4 WHEREAS, A decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, Mr. Hernando
5 served the U.S. Army as a Specialist with Company A, 5th Battalion,
6 7th Cavalry Regiment; his courage and determination in battle
7 earned him a host of accolades, including the Bronze Star Medal, Air
8 Medal, and Purple Heart, to name but a few; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the years, he has been a vital leader in El
10 Paso's veteran community, helping to organize the local Paralyzed
11 Veterans of America and the Wheel Chair Sports Organization for
12 Vietnam Veterans, serving as commander of AGIF of Greater El Paso,
13 and assisting in the reactivation of the American G.I. Forum of
14 Greater El Paso; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Hernando has also given of his time and talents
16 to the Socorro ISD, where he has worked as an after school program
17 coordinator, and to his children's softball, T-ball, and baseball
18 teams, which he has coached with great pride and enthusiasm; and

19 WHEREAS, Rafael Hernando has made a positive difference in
20 the lives of countless Texans, and it is indeed appropriate to take
21 this opportunity to honor him for his long and accomplished record
22 of service to others; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
24 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Rafael Hernando III

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1 for his service to his country and community and extend to him
2 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Mr. Hernando as an expression of high regard by the
5 Texas House of Representatives.

Quintanilla

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 369 was adopted by the House on July 19, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House