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H.R. No. 430

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Vidal "Vic" Torres celebrated an important
2 milestone on July 11, 2005, when he commemorated the 50th
3 anniversary of the beginning of his radio career at KVLV in Alpine;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Torres first hosted *The Spanish Hour* on July 11,
6 1955, at the age of 19; in the 50 years since that noteworthy day, he
7 has established himself as a fixture at the station, introducing
8 new music to his loyal following, while also mentoring and training
9 many of the station's personnel, including current owner and
10 general manager Ray Hendryx; and

11 WHEREAS, Although Mr. Torres has not been the exclusive host
12 of his signature program during its long and successful run, he is
13 credited with setting the standard for this unique and popular
14 show; his skills as a multilingual broadcaster are evidenced by his
15 ability to translate an English script into Spanish on the air,
16 without the benefit of rehearsal, and his knowledge of regional
17 music is unparalleled; and

18 WHEREAS, Vic Torres is an important part of the history of
19 Alpine, and his musical tastes have had a profound effect on
20 generations of listeners; his passion for music, as well as the
21 influence of his dedicated fan base, have kept him behind the
22 microphone for five decades, and people throughout the Alpine area
23 have greatly benefited from his notable contributions; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Vidal "Vic" Torres
3 on the 50th anniversary of his association with radio station KVLB
4 and extend best wishes to him for continued success and happiness;
5 and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Mr. Torres as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8 House of Representatives.