## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has been named the state's small chamber of the year by the Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, The award recognizes a chamber for its commitment to its members, businesses, and community, and for providing quality training, leadership, and access to contract opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The McAllen chamber consistently assists small businesses in the area by promoting economic development in the Hispanic market and offering networking and educational opportunities; the chamber is also a satellite office for the Small Business Administration and partners with numerous organizations, including the South Texas Minority Business Opportunity Committee and the Women's Empowerment Business Centers; and

WHEREAS, The McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce enriches the lives of the city's residents by fostering a healthy economic climate and promoting responsible business practices, and all those associated with the chamber merit special recognition for their achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate the McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on being named the state's small chamber of the year by the Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce and extend to its staff and board of directors sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further the Texas House of Representatives.

Gonzales

## Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 211 was adopted by the House on August 16, 2005, by a non-record vote.

