

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Gonzalo Barrientos is retiring from
2 public office after more than 30 years as a member of the Texas
3 Legislature, and his myriad contributions in behalf of the
4 residents of Travis County and the State of Texas have earned him
5 the heartfelt admiration of many; and

6 WHEREAS, Before beginning his 22-year tenure in 1984 as the
7 senator representing District 14, this esteemed legislator
8 distinguished himself in the Texas House of Representatives for a
9 decade; the Galveston native was raised in Bastrop and attended The
10 University of Texas at Austin, and his primary focus over the course
11 of 16 legislative sessions has always been to safeguard the future
12 of our great state and its citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, An Austin resident since 1960, Senator Barrientos
14 has long been an active supporter of numerous worthwhile causes and
15 organizations; before his election to public office, he worked as a
16 community organizer for the National Urban League, a program
17 officer for VISTA/Peace Corps, and a trainer for the Leadership
18 Institute for Community Development in our nation's capital; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Barrientos currently serves on the Senate
20 Finance, Nominations, and Natural Resources Committees and is vice
21 chair of the Transportation and Homeland Security Committee;
22 moreover, his leadership and consensus-building skills are
23 essential in his roles as chairman of both the Capital Area
24 Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Communities-in-Schools

1 Advisory Committee; and

2 WHEREAS, Highlights of the senator's legislative career
3 include the passage of more than two dozen bills aimed at reducing
4 the dropout rate of students in Texas, and these initiatives have
5 netted positive results and given countless young people a brighter
6 future; in addition to advocating for students, Senator Barrientos
7 is a longtime supporter of the rights of the elderly and of state
8 employees; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2001, Senator Barrientos received the first-ever
10 Combined Law Enforcement of Texas Association of Texas Lifetime
11 Achievement Award; a three-time Texas Public Employees Association
12 Outstanding Legislator of the Year and recipient of the group's
13 Lifetime Achievement Award, he is also the recipient of awards from
14 the Austin Groups for the Elderly, MALDEF, the Coalition of Texans
15 with Disabilities, as well as many other organizations; and

16 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Senator Barrientos enjoys the
17 love and support of his wife, Emma, and their children, Joseph,
18 Angelina, Alicia, Adelita, and Veronica; his career as a political
19 leader in Texas has indeed served this state for the better, and he
20 may reflect with justifiable pride on the remarkable record of
21 public service he has forged in the Texas State Capitol; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
24 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize the Honorable
25 Gonzalo Barrientos for his outstanding 31-year tenure as a Texas
26 state legislator and commend him for his tireless efforts to
27 improve the lives of his fellow Texans; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Senator Barrientos as an expression of high regard by
3 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Allen	Gonzales	Menendez
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Merritt
Anchia	Goodman	Miller
Anderson	Goolsby	Moreno
Bailey	Griggs	Morrison
Berman	Grusendorf	Mowery
Blake	Guillen	Naishtat
Bohac	Haggerty	Nixon
Bonnen	Hamilton	Noriega
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Brown of Brazos	Harper-Brown	Orr
Burnam	Hartnett	Otto
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Campbell	Hernandez	Pena
Casteel	Herrero	Phillips
Castro	Hilderbran	Pickett
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Cook of Colorado	Hope	Reyna
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Davis of Dallas	Hunter	Seaman
Dawson	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Delisi	Isett	Smith of Harris
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Driver	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
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Eiland	King of Zavala	Taylor
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England	Kuempel	Turner
Escobar	Laney	Uresti
Farabee	Laubenberg	Van Arsdale
Farrar	Leibowitz	Veasey
Flores	Luna	Villarreal
Flynn	Madden	Vo
Frost	Martinez	West
Gallego	Martinez Fischer	Wong
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 475 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House