

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Those Texans who dedicate themselves to the greater
2 good are truly deserving of our sincere admiration and gratitude,
3 and Vietnam and Desert Storm veteran Eduardo Avila is indeed one
4 such individual; and

5 WHEREAS, A 24-year military veteran, Mr. Avila served in the
6 U.S. Army and the National Guard; a member of the Rio Grande Valley
7 veterans group "America's Last Patrol," he has earned the Vietnam
8 Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service
9 Ribbon, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and several other
10 accolades; and

11 WHEREAS, In November 2005, Mr. Avila and a group of his fellow
12 servicemen marched from their community in the Rio Grande Valley to
13 the nearest veterans hospital; this veterans march commenced in
14 Edinburg, traversing some 250 miles to the historic site of the
15 Alamo in San Antonio; the march drew attention to the plight of
16 Valley veterans and the distance they are currently forced to
17 travel to seek medical treatment at a veterans hospital in San
18 Antonio; and

19 WHEREAS, In championing the construction of new medical
20 facilities to serve their community, Mr. Avila and his compatriots
21 seek to exercise the rights for which they fought and to receive due
22 recognition for their service to the country they love; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly recognized
24 Eduardo Avila by authoring this resolution in his behalf during the

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1 3rd Called Session of the 79th Texas Legislature; now, therefore,
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Eduardo Avila for his
5 distinguished military service and for his efforts to secure better
6 access to medical care for his fellow veterans; and, be it further

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

Pena

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 577 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House