

By: Pena

H.R. No. 578

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 Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran Jesus Bocanegra is indeed one  
4 such individual; and

5           WHEREAS, A five-year veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Bocanegra  
6 played a part in the capture of Saddam Hussein; he is a member of the  
7 Rio Grande Valley veterans group "America's Last Patrol" and of the  
8 newly formed "Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America"; and

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

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

22           WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly recognized  
23 Jesus Bocanegra by authoring this resolution in his behalf during  
24 the 3rd Called Session of the 79th Texas Legislature; now,

1 therefore, be it

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

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