

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 veteran Eduardo "Rey" Casas of Elsa is indeed one such
4 individual; and

5 WHEREAS, A former U.S. Marine paratrooper and a member of the
6 Rio Grande Valley veterans group "America's Last Patrol," Mr. Casas
7 is a 25-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department and the
8 recipient of 73 commendations from the police force; his military
9 honors include the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign
10 Medal, the National Defense Combat Action Ribbon, the Good Conduct
11 Medal, and several other awards and accolades; he currently serves
12 on the Elsa City Council; and

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

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

1 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly recognized
2 Eduardo "Rey" Casas by authoring this resolution in his behalf
3 during the 3rd Called Session of the 79th Texas Legislature; now,
4 therefore, be it

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

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Mr. Casas as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.

Pena

H.R. No. 580

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 580 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House