

By: Pena

H.R. No. 580

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.