

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 Jose Maria Vasquez of Edinburg is indeed one
4 such individual; and

5 WHEREAS, The commander of the Rio Grande Valley veterans
6 group "America's Last Patrol" and a cofounder of the Rio Grande
7 Valley Alliance, Mr. Vasquez bravely served this nation as a U.S.
8 Army medic in Vietnam in 1967 and 1968; and

9 WHEREAS, In November 2005, Mr. Vasquez 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. Vasquez 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 Jose Maria Vasquez by authoring this resolution in his behalf
24 during 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 Jose Maria Vasquez
4 for his distinguished military service and for his efforts to
5 secure better access to medical care for his fellow veterans; and,
6 be it further

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

Pena

H.R. No. 585

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 585 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House