

By: Puente

H.R. No. 651

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, James M. Mayor is retiring from his position as  
2 chairman of the San Antonio Water System on May 31, 2006, and this  
3 occasion offers a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to this  
4 exceptional Texan and to the years of exemplary service he has  
5 devoted to his community; and

6           WHEREAS, Chairman of the San Antonio Water System since 2001,  
7 he has taken steps to ensure that the city's water supply and water  
8 quality are protected for future generations; and

9           WHEREAS, With the help of Mr. Mayor's visionary leadership,  
10 the district expanded its role as a steward of water quality and the  
11 environment by adding thousands of acres of water quality  
12 conservation easements to protect the Edwards Aquifer Recharge  
13 Zone, approving agreements for rainwater harvesting systems, and  
14 encouraging the use of xeriscaping; and

15           WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Mayor has overseen office  
16 consolidation, including construction of the new headquarters,  
17 which was finished ahead of schedule and more than \$1 million under  
18 budget; during Hurricane Katrina, he approved a license agreement  
19 with the American Red Cross for the use of a 40,000-square-foot  
20 building space at the Northwest Services Center for relief efforts  
21 and sent work crews to help repair utility lines; and

22           WHEREAS, This native of the Alamo City has also served his  
23 community as ex officio commissioner of the San Antonio Housing  
24 Authority and commissioner of the San Antonio Zoning Board; in

1 previous years, he held the positions of councilman, deputy mayor,  
2 and mayor of Freehold Township, New Jersey; and

3 WHEREAS, Before joining the San Antonio Water System, Mr.  
4 Mayor held a notable 33-year tenure with Hearst Distribution Corp.,  
5 retiring in 1995 as senior vice president of marketing; and

6 WHEREAS, James Mayor has distinguished himself as a man of  
7 ability, intelligence, and commitment, and his dedication to the  
8 San Antonio Water System Board has left indelible changes for the  
9 better; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
11 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend James M. Mayor on  
12 his contributions to the San Antonio Water System Board and to the  
13 people of his community and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
14 the future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for Mr. Mayor as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
17 House of Representatives.