

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to  
2 recognize Walter Hinojosa, who is retiring after 10 years of  
3 meritorious service as legislative and political director of the  
4 Texas AFL-CIO; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Hinojosa has long been a leading voice for the  
6 labor movement, and his advocacy for the rights of workers has left  
7 a lasting impact on conditions for the working men and women of  
8 Texas; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Hinojosa began his career as a teacher of  
10 government, economics, history, and Mexican American studies in  
11 Houston, where he helped hundreds of high school students  
12 participate in the Close Up Program, a week-long, intensive look at  
13 the federal government; he was named the 1980-1981 Outstanding  
14 Young Educator for the City of Houston; and

15           WHEREAS, Drawing on that experience, Mr. Hinojosa served as  
16 legislative director for the Texas Federation of Teachers from 1987  
17 to 1995; he then assumed the position of legislative and political  
18 director of the Texas AFL-CIO; and

19           WHEREAS, Mr. Hinojosa has served as a national executive  
20 board member of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement,  
21 the Hispanic support group of the AFL-CIO; he was a charter member  
22 of its Houston-Gulf Coast chapter and is currently secretary and  
23 treasurer for the Texas Labor Council for Latin American  
24 Advancement; and

1           WHEREAS, Walter Hinojosa has advanced the cause of labor for  
2 over 30 years, connecting workers to their representatives in the  
3 legislature and organizing rallies and get-out-the-vote  
4 activities; his leadership will be missed by his colleagues and the  
5 Capitol community and by the millions of working Texas men and women  
6 whose lives he has improved; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
8 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Walter Hinojosa for  
9 his outstanding service to the Texas AFL-CIO and extend to him best  
10 wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 721

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 721 was adopted by the House on May 15, 2006, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House