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H.R. No. 723

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Frank L. Madla, state senator for
2 District 19, has rendered exceptional service to the people of
3 Texas during his notable 33-year tenure in the Texas Legislature;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, First elected to the Texas House of Representatives
6 in 1973, Senator Madla served 20 years in that chamber before taking
7 the oath of office in the Texas Senate; he presently chairs the
8 Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations and sits on the
9 Senate Committees on Natural Resources, State Affairs, and
10 Transportation and Homeland Security; and

11 WHEREAS, This distinguished Texan has devoted his efforts
12 particularly to the advancement of health, education, and economic
13 development; he has played an instrumental role in the creation of
14 the Epilepsy Center of South Texas, the Office of Rural Health Care,
15 the In-Home and Family Support Program, and the Children's Health
16 Program; he has also worked successfully to help pass legislation
17 that expands the scope of practice for physician assistants in
18 rural Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Madla has promoted access to higher
20 education and has been a staunch friend of small and rural school
21 districts, and his support has been crucial in the development of a
22 gifted and talented program for Texas students; thanks to
23 legislation that he advocated, UIL regional and state events can no
24 longer be held at the same time that the TAKS tests are being given;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Committed to promoting economic opportunity for
3 Texas workers, Senator Madla has helped to secure the location of a
4 new Toyota plant in San Antonio, facilitate the conversion of Kelly
5 Air Force Base, and enable Texas grape growers and wine producers to
6 compete at the national level; and

7 WHEREAS, Among the numerous accolades conferred on Senator
8 Madla have been awards from The University of Texas at San Antonio
9 Hispanic Research Center, Texas Hospital Association, Texas Police
10 Chiefs Association, Association of Rural Communities in Texas, and
11 *Texas Medicine* magazine; and

12 WHEREAS, Frank Madla holds bachelor's and master's degrees
13 from St. Mary's University and in private life works as a consultant
14 and insurance broker; he and his wife, Helen, take great pride in
15 their children, Marci and Frank, a physician, and in their
16 granddaughter, Aleena; and

17 WHEREAS, Representing a district that extends from southern
18 El Paso County to southern Bexar County, Senator Madla has made many
19 positive contributions to the betterment of the state, and it is
20 most appropriate to take this opportunity to honor his longstanding
21 efforts in behalf of his fellow Texans; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
23 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the
24 Honorable Frank L. Madla for his more than three decades of service
25 in the Texas Legislature and extend to him sincere best wishes for
26 the future; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Senator Madla as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.