

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 142

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Walter Hinojosa, who is retiring after 10 years of meritorious service as legislative and political director of the Texas American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO); and

WHEREAS, Walter has long been a leading voice for the labor movement, and his advocacy for the rights of workers has left a lasting impact on conditions for the working men and women of Texas; and

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

WHEREAS, Drawing on his experience as an educator, Walter served as legislative director for the Texas Federation of Teachers from 1987 to 1995; he then assumed the position of legislative and political director of the Texas AFL-CIO; and

WHEREAS, Walter has served as a national executive board member of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, the Hispanic support group of the AFL-CIO; he was a charter member of its Houston-Gulf Coast chapter and is currently secretary and treasurer for the Texas Labor Council for Latin American Advancement; and

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Walter Hinojosa for his outstanding service to the Texas American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations and extend to him best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Barrientos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2006.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate