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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Professor John C. Perez of Texas A&M
2 University-Kingsville has been named one of *Hispanic Business*
3 magazine's 100 Most Influential Hispanics in America for 2004; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Perez is well known to his professional peers as
5 the director of the Natural Toxins Research Center (NTRC) at Texas
6 A&M-Kingsville, and his dedicated efforts in the areas of
7 immunology, bioinstrumentation, and cell physiology have laid the
8 groundwork for future generations of researchers; and

9 WHEREAS, After receiving his doctorate from Utah State
10 University in 1972, Dr. Perez joined the faculty at the Texas
11 A&M-Kingsville biology department, and for more than three decades
12 he has been a vital and valued member of the university community;
13 it was under his direction that the NTRC received a \$2.5 million
14 research grant from the National Center for Research Resources; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to his duties as a regents professor,
16 faculty member, and NTRC director, Dr. Perez has served as director
17 of Texas A&M-Kingsville's NIH/Research Infrastructure in Minority
18 Institutions since 1996; a co-contributor on more than 35 published
19 works, he was named the 2004 Distinguished Texas Scientist by the
20 Texas Academy of Science and the Outstanding Faculty Researcher at
21 the 5th Annual Minority Access Incorporated National Role Model
22 Conference and has received the Olan Kruse Science Faculty Award,
23 the Undergraduate Institution Mentoring Award, and the Texas A&I
24 Alumni Association Distinguished Research Award; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Perez was selected for this latest honor by
2 *Hispanic Business* for his many achievements as a researcher as well
3 as for his heartfelt commitment to furthering the education of his
4 students; and

5 WHEREAS, Untold numbers of young scientists have discovered
6 their true calling under the steady guidance of Dr. Perez, and the
7 benefits of both his wise mentorship and his diligent research will
8 benefit the greater scientific community for many years to come;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Professor John C. Perez on being
12 named one of *Hispanic Business* magazine's 100 Most Influential
13 Hispanics in America for 2004; and, be it further

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