

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Since December 2003, Arturo Q. Duran has served with
2 distinction as the 15th commissioner of the United States
3 International Boundary and Water Commission; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Chihuahua, Mexico, Mr. Duran immigrated
5 as a young man to the United States, where he earned a bachelor's
6 degree and a master's degree in chemical engineering from New
7 Mexico State University, and his strong bonds with both sides of the
8 border afford him unique insight into the many challenges and
9 opportunities facing the area; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Duran brings to his role as commissioner an
11 impressive range and depth of experience, having worked for the
12 Lower Valley Water District of El Paso County and the U.S.
13 Environmental Protection Agency and as a private environmental
14 consultant; his familiarity with environmental management issues
15 at the international, federal, state, and local levels has
16 benefited all those who have engaged his services; and

17 WHEREAS, His contributions to the larger community are
18 equally extensive, and he has served as the U.S. Co-Chair for
19 Health, Environment, and Urban Development between the United
20 States and Mexico, as health and environmental advisor to 23
21 governors of the West, and advisor and facilitator for the
22 Interagency Task Force for Economic Development for the Southwest
23 Border; in addition, he was appointed by President George W. Bush in
24 2003 to the Joint Public Advisory Committee of the Commission for

1 Environmental Cooperation of North America, which he currently
2 chairs, and to the Selection Committee of the North American Fund of
3 the commission; and

4 WHEREAS, Arturo Duran's many achievements have secured his
5 stature as an exemplary public servant, and he may indeed reflect
6 with pride on his outstanding efforts in behalf of this state and
7 nation; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor Arturo Q. Duran for his dedicated public
10 service and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
11 success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 980

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 980 was adopted by the House on April 14, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House