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H.R. No. 980

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.