

By: Guillen

H.R. No. 985

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Tomas Cantu of Fronton has greatly contributed to
2 the improved environmental health of the Rio Grande Valley through
3 his many years of community leadership and advocacy; and

4 WHEREAS, A resident of Roma for most of his life, Mr. Cantu
5 lent his expertise to the Municipal Solid Waste Management and
6 Resource Recovery Advisory Council of the Texas Commission on
7 Environmental Quality for six years; he also served as the city's
8 solid waste and environmental coordinator from 1980 to 2002; in
9 these pivotal roles, he worked closely with civic organizations,
10 neighboring communities, and area schools to implement programs
11 that will undoubtedly benefit Texans for generations to come; and

12 WHEREAS, Some of his accomplishments include founding and
13 serving as task leader of the Roma Proud Community Awareness on
14 recycling and illegal dumping, and initiating the sales of recycled
15 cardboard and paper to Mexico; moreover, he was highly instrumental
16 in the success of the Environmental Awareness Program that began in
17 Starr County schools and the Trash Bash; Mr. Cantu's notable
18 efforts have not only benefited Roma, but many surrounding
19 communities in both the Rio Grande Valley and Mexico, as they have
20 adopted many of the programs that he initiated; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition, this dynamic Texan helped ensure the
22 success of the Rio Reforestation project of the National Wildlife
23 Refuge System by working with the American Red Cross, the Roma VFW
24 Post No. 9175, and area school districts; currently, he serves on

1 the advisory board for Colonias Unidas, the Valley Proud
2 Environmental Council, and the Solid Waste Advisory Council
3 Committee for the South Texas Development Council; and

4 WHEREAS, Tomas Cantu is an inspiration to all who are
5 privileged to know him, and his important work has undoubtedly
6 helped in ensuring the health and vitality of his community; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commend Tomas Cantu on his service to the
10 Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory
11 Council and to the City of Roma and extend to him sincere best
12 wishes for continued achievement; and, be it further

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