

By: Pena

H.R. No. 1461

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Raul Yzaguirre is the 2005 recipient of the Tejano  
2 Democrats Lifetime Achievement Award for his lifelong commitment to  
3 improving opportunities for the Hispanic community; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of San Juan, Mr. Yzaguirre honorably served  
5 his country in the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps for four years after  
6 graduating from PSJA High School; he received his bachelor's degree  
7 from George Washington University and stayed in Washington, D.C.,  
8 to work for the National Council of La Raza, a nonprofit  
9 organization that aims to combat poverty and increase development  
10 in Hispanic communities; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Yzaguirre expanded the council into one of the  
12 most successful Hispanic organizations in the country with a  
13 current operating budget of \$28 million; when he stepped down as  
14 president and CEO in December 2004, he enjoyed a long list of  
15 accomplishments, including the restoration of benefits for legal  
16 immigrants and the reduction of poverty among Hispanics through the  
17 expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit; and

18 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman has advocated an increase in  
19 aid for small businesses, a larger allocation of money for  
20 education, and a more responsible portrayal of Hispanics on  
21 television and in movies; and

22 WHEREAS, Following his departure from the National Council of  
23 La Raza, Mr. Yzaguirre continues to make his mark on the community  
24 by lecturing at colleges and writing books; he also looks forward to

1 spending more time with his loving wife, six children, and six  
2 grandchildren; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly recognized  
4 Raul Yzaguirre by passing this resolution in his behalf during the  
5 Regular Session of the 79th Texas Legislature; now, therefore, be  
6 it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Raul Yzaguirre on his receipt of  
9 the Tejano Democrats Lifetime Achievement Award and commend him for  
10 his outstanding professional accomplishments and civic  
11 contributions; and, be it further

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