

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Al Alonso, judge of County Court at
2 Law No. 1 in Bexar County, implemented the first certified drug
3 court in the nation in September 2001, bringing to fruition a vital
4 new initiative in the fight to reduce substance abuse; and

5 WHEREAS, Drug courts effectively handle cases involving
6 substance-abusing offenders by providing them with intensive
7 supervision, mandatory substance abuse treatment and drug testing,
8 and escalating sanctions and incentives in order to break the cycle
9 of drug addiction and crime; to that end, a team of professionals
10 trained and certified by the U.S. Department of Justice and the
11 National Drug Court Institute work closely with each offender to
12 offer that individual the greatest opportunity to succeed; and

13 WHEREAS, Saving untold lives and countless dollars
14 previously spent on incarceration, Judge Alonso is truly deserving
15 of special recognition for his efforts in behalf of this
16 significant endeavor; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
18 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Al Alonso for his
19 pioneering contributions as judge of the first certified drug court
20 in the nation and extend to him best wishes for continued success
21 with his important work; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Judge Alonso as an expression of high regard by the
24 Texas House of Representatives.

Martinez Fischer

H.R. No. 1793

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1793 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House