

By: Pena

H.R. No. 2140

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texans are well known for the deep affection they
2 feel for their homeland, and it is this bond that inspires our
3 desire to fully understand its history, and in doing so to look
4 squarely at both the triumphs and the tragedies of the Lone Star
5 State's past; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1915, a group of banditos raided the McAllen
7 Ranch in Hidalgo County; responding to the incident, Texas Rangers
8 arrived and claimed to have eliminated the perpetrators, but among
9 the dead were Jesus Bazan and Antonio Longoria, Tejanos with
10 familial land grant claims that dated back to Spanish dominion over
11 the territory; and

12 WHEREAS, The Rangers' account of their actions were later
13 called into question by a young cowboy who witnessed the killings,
14 Roland Warnock; and

15 WHEREAS, This incident has attracted new attention with the
16 release of *Border Bandits*, a documentary directed and produced by
17 Kirby Warnock, the grandson of the late Roland Warnock; and

18 WHEREAS, Using audiotape of his grandfather's account of the
19 event to incorporate first-person narration into the historical
20 documentary, Mr. Warnock has created an engaging film that is also
21 an important addition to the annals of Texas history; and

22 WHEREAS, *Border Bandits* was aired on Texas PBS stations in
23 May 2005 and has been screened at numerous film festivals
24 throughout Texas and in California; it has been favorably reviewed

1 by numerous area film critics and has received coverage in *The New*
2 *York Times*; and

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

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Kirby Warnock on the release of his
9 documentary *Border Bandits* and commend him for transforming this
10 important yet difficult story into a compelling work of art for the
11 benefit of all Texans and audiences everywhere; and, be it further

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