

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the employees of the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts in bidding farewell to Ruben R. Valdés, who is retiring on January 31, 2005, after 27 years of state service; and

**WHEREAS**, Ruben began his career with the comptroller's office in the Franchise Tax Division; he later transferred to the Field Operations Division and then to the Revenue Accounting Division, Exceptions Section, where he served until 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, Ruben spent twelve months in San Antonio as an accountant with Valero Energy and returned to the comptroller's office to work in the Revenue Accounting Division; in June of 1980, he joined Audit Processing in the Field Operations Division; he has dealt specifically with, and excelled in, the hearings portion of the Audit Processing function for the last dozen years and has served as the Subject Matter Expert and trainer to numerous employees; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the years, Ruben has proven his expertise in the field audit redetermination function and has been dedicated to upholding the high standards required of this position; Ruben has strived to improve the scope of the redetermination function, in particular, as well as the mission of the Audit Processing Section; and

**WHEREAS**, Ruben is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys running, cycling, canoeing, camping, and hiking; he is beloved and respected by his colleagues at work, and his presence in the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Ruben R. Valdés for his 27 years of outstanding service as a state employee; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 25, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate