

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 457

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Eric P. Serna, the Superintendent of Insurance for the State of New Mexico, who has distinguished himself as one of our country's leading advocates for improving the lives of our disadvantaged citizens and communities; and

WHEREAS, A University of New Mexico graduate, Eric Serna earned a law degree from Catholic University in Washington, D.C.; while in law school, he worked for the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, rising in rank from intern to special assistant to the chairman; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from law school, he was special administrative assistant to United States Senator Joseph M. Montoya until 1977, when he returned to New Mexico to serve as deputy director of the state's Employment Security Department; and

WHEREAS, He was elected to the New Mexico State Corporation Commission in 1981 and served for 17 years, including 14 years as chairman; he was appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1998 to serve as regional director of the United States Department of Agriculture for the states of Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Since his appointment as the New Mexico Superintendent of Insurance by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission in 2001, Superintendent Serna has worked tirelessly to ensure that all New Mexican citizens have access to basic health care; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Serna is active in state, national, and Hispanic bar associations and has served on the boards of professional and cultural organizations; he has been widely recognized for his dedication to improving the lives of the citizens of New Mexico's underprivileged communities; his most recent achievement was the creation of Con Alma Health Foundation, Incorporated, which seeks to improve the health of all New Mexicans by providing resources to meet the basic health needs of the disadvantaged; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Superintendent Eric P. Serna for his outstanding public service and leadership and extend to him a warm welcome to the Texas State Capitol; 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.

Hinojosa

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 23, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate