

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 653

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize John Avila, Jr., who is being honored by Leadership Fort Worth at its annual Fellows Dinner; and

**WHEREAS**, Owner, president, and chief executive officer of Thomas S. Byrne, Limited, John Avila is a retired brigadier general of the United States Army Reserve and a former commissioner of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and

**WHEREAS**, John is active in numerous philanthropic and health organizations, including the American Heart Association, Habitat for Humanity, the Fort Worth Boys and Girls Club, the Tarrant County Mental Health Association, and many others; and

**WHEREAS**, As the head of the contracting firm that has built or renovated such Texas landmarks as the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, the Dallas County Courthouse, and the Kimbell Art Museum, John Avila has contributed to the cultural and economic development of our state and is truly deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend John Avila, Jr., for the contributions he has made to Fort Worth and to the State of Texas; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem 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 April 20, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate