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H.R. No. 24

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mario Rivera retired from his position as Presidio
2 County treasurer in December 2006, and it is fitting to pay tribute
3 to the legacy of service he established in more than 32 years as an
4 elected official; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Marfa in 1943, Mario Rivera was one of 11
6 children of Rito P. and Maria S. Rivera; a graduate of Marfa High
7 School, where he was a member of the baseball, basketball, and track
8 teams, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1964 and served his country
9 for three years; returning to West Texas after his discharge, he
10 earned a business administration degree from Sul Ross State
11 University in 1971; and

12 WHEREAS, His tenure as county treasurer began when he was
13 appointed to the office in March 1974, and Presidio County
14 residents voted to retain him in that job later the same year; over
15 the following decades, this skilled administrator was a beneficial
16 and reassuring presence in the Marfa courthouse, serving eight
17 consecutive terms as the chief custodian of the county's finances;
18 Mr. Rivera's experience and knowledge were highly respected by his
19 peers, who made him a member of the regional board of directors and
20 the state board of directors for the County Treasurers' Association
21 of Texas; and

22 WHEREAS, An involved member of the community throughout his
23 life, Mr. Rivera has been active in various civic organizations,
24 including the Lions Club, the Kiwanis Club, and the American Legion

1 and has served as an adult mentor for youth baseball activities; and

2 WHEREAS, Supported by his wife, Alice Hernandez Rivera, and
3 his children, Rene and Rosela, Mario Rivera provided many decades
4 of valuable service to West Texas residents, and his contributions
5 to efficient and effective government in Presidio County are truly
6 deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor Mario Rivera for his long and accomplished
9 career as the Presidio County treasurer and extend to him best
10 wishes for success in his future endeavors; and, be it further

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