

By: Martinez Fischer

H.R. No. 85

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Ricardo Romo has served with distinction as the  
2 San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 2006 chairman of the  
3 board, and as his term draws to a close, it is a pleasure to pay  
4 tribute to this esteemed Texan; and

5           WHEREAS, The San Antonio Hispanic Chamber is a strong  
6 advocate for minority-owned businesses in Bexar and surrounding  
7 counties and the driving force in guiding San Antonio's emergence  
8 as a national leader of successful Hispanics in business; among an  
9 outstanding array of programs, the chamber sponsors events that  
10 give members opportunities to build connections throughout the  
11 business community; and

12           WHEREAS, Dr. Romo has been president of The University of  
13 Texas at San Antonio since 1999; during his tenure, UTSA's  
14 enrollment has increased by 40 percent and new facilities have been  
15 constructed, including a \$20 million recreation and wellness  
16 building and a 1,000-bed housing complex; moreover, the institution  
17 is recognized as a leader in "Closing the Gaps," a statewide  
18 initiative to enroll more Texans in higher education; and

19           WHEREAS, Before joining UTSA, Dr. Romo served as vice provost  
20 for undergraduate education at his alma mater, The University of  
21 Texas at Austin; he is also a graduate of Loyola Marymount  
22 University, where he earned his master's degree, and the University  
23 of California at Los Angeles, where he earned his Ph.D. in history;  
24 and

1           WHEREAS, The author of *East Los Angeles: History of a Barrio*,  
2 Dr. Romo is a respected urban historian and his experience and  
3 ability led to his appointment to the President's Board of Advisors  
4 on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and as a U.S.  
5 representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and  
6 Cultural Organization; and

7           WHEREAS, Ricardo Romo has distinguished himself as a leader  
8 in his professional field, and his hard work and dedication have  
9 contributed greatly to the goals of the San Antonio Hispanic  
10 Chamber of Commerce; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Ricardo Romo for his service to the San  
13 Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and extend to him sincere best  
14 wishes for the future; and, be it further

15           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for Dr. Romo as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
17 House of Representatives.