

By: Chavez

H.R. No. 293

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, El Paso community lawyers Edward and Maria Hernandez  
2 received the Henry B. Gonzalez Civil Rights Award from the Texas  
3 Civil Rights Project at the 16th annual Bill of Rights Dinner in  
4 Austin on November 2, 2006; and

5           WHEREAS, Named for the late congressman from San Antonio, the  
6 Henry B. Gonzalez Civil Rights Award is presented annually to  
7 recognize service in the defense of civil rights; and

8           WHEREAS, Edward Hernandez has a bachelor's degree from The  
9 University of Texas at El Paso and a law degree from Yale  
10 University; working with the Paso del Norte Civil Rights Center, he  
11 has defended clients in First Amendment cases and worked to protect  
12 El Pasoans against abuses in the enforcement of immigration law; he  
13 also has helped to institute special judicial courts of inquiry to  
14 investigate police corruption; and

15           WHEREAS, With a bachelor's degree and a law degree from the  
16 University of Washington, Maria Hernandez played an essential role  
17 in representing El Paso high school students in an unlawful arrest  
18 lawsuit, and she has defended the First Amendment rights of  
19 students at UTEP; and

20           WHEREAS, The first residents of El Paso to win a Henry B.  
21 Gonzalez Civil Rights Award, Mr. and Mrs. Hernandez were  
22 instrumental in encouraging the Texas Civil Rights Project to open  
23 an office in El Paso, and their recognition by the organization is  
24 truly well-deserved; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
2   Legislature hereby congratulate Edward and Maria Hernandez for  
3   receiving the Henry B. Gonzalez Civil Rights Award from the Texas  
4   Civil Rights Project and offer them best wishes for their continued  
5   service to the people of El Paso; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for  
7   Mr. and Mrs. Hernandez as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
8   House of Representatives.