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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jose Rodriguez of El Paso has been named the Region  
2 III Government Hispanic Business Advocate of the Year for 2006; and

3 WHEREAS, Awarded by the United States Hispanic Chamber of  
4 Commerce, this commendation recognizes government officials who  
5 have contributed to the growth and excellence of Hispanic  
6 entrepreneurs in areas all across the country, with Mr. Rodriguez  
7 winning the honor for the region that includes Texas, Louisiana,  
8 Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas; and

9 WHEREAS, Jose Rodriguez, who is the county attorney for El  
10 Paso County, received the award for his dedicated efforts to  
11 promote and protect small businesses and other enterprises in the  
12 county; among his other activities, Mr. Rodriguez focused on the  
13 issue of bad checks, helping businesses to gain restitution for any  
14 "hot" bank drafts they received and creating a public awareness  
15 campaign to help owners avoid this costly danger; and

16 WHEREAS, The award also recognizes Mr. Rodriguez's  
17 participation in the El Paso Fair Lending Coalition, through which  
18 he has worked to give local entrepreneurs better access to capital  
19 so that they may more easily establish and expand their operations;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Jose Rodriguez has been the county attorney since  
22 1993 and has a vast range of legal experience; educated at the  
23 George Washington University National Law Center, he worked as a  
24 staff attorney for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

1 Development in Washington, D.C., and for Texas Rural Legal Aid, and  
2 he was a partner in the firm of Rodriguez, Lewis & Collins; his  
3 involvement in county government began when he served as the legal  
4 advisor to County Judge Alicia R. Chacon; and

5 WHEREAS, Small businesses are crucial to the well-being of  
6 Texas communities; in assisting entrepreneurs in the El Paso area,  
7 Jose Rodriguez has provided an influential example of how  
8 government officials can support local businesspeople, and in so  
9 doing, he has proven himself a most worthy recipient of this  
10 prestigious award; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Jose Rodriguez on being named the  
13 Region III Government Hispanic Business Advocate of the Year for  
14 2006 and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it  
15 further

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