

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Francisco Barrientes of Edinburg is receiving due  
2 acknowledgment for his years of exemplary service to the youth of  
3 his community with the dedication of a new middle school in his  
4 honor; and

5           WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of the town he is proud to call  
6 home, Mr. Barrientes has registered thousands of hours of volunteer  
7 work in behalf of area children over the past 35 years; his  
8 outstanding contributions to public education have been previously  
9 recognized by Governor Rick Perry and the State Board of Education  
10 with a prestigious Texas Hero for Children award; and

11           WHEREAS, This graduate of Edinburg High School and decorated  
12 veteran of the U.S. Army dedicated himself to making a positive  
13 difference in the lives of his fellow man after sustaining serious  
14 injuries in the Vietnam War; miraculously surviving enemy grenade  
15 fire and a gunshot wound to the face, he recognized he had been  
16 given a second chance at life, and that new life would be one of  
17 meaningful service to others; and

18           WHEREAS, Aply fulfilling his mission, Mr. Barrientes has  
19 given wholeheartedly of his time and talents to his community; his  
20 efforts at local schools began in 1980, and over the last 2-1/2  
21 decades, he has volunteered more than 22,000 hours to the children  
22 and staff of Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary, fulfilling a range of  
23 duties, including assisting with traffic control, helping to  
24 coordinate student transportation for field trips, and working to

1 ensure the success of fund-raising events; in addition, he is often  
2 called on by parents, who seek his wise counsel in instilling  
3 positive values in their children; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Barrientes also has been involved with the  
5 Edinburg Parks and Recreation Department and Edinburg Pony League  
6 baseball; in addition, he is a regular speaker at Veteran's Day  
7 activities across the Rio Grande Valley, as well as a longtime and  
8 valued member of Holy Family Catholic Church; and

9 WHEREAS, A loving husband and father of three, Francisco  
10 Barrientes is an inspiration to all those whose lives have been  
11 enriched by his commitment to the youth of Edinburg, and as the  
12 halls of the middle school bearing his name are soon filled with  
13 children, we may hope that they too will come to learn of and  
14 respect this extraordinary man and that their hearts are filled  
15 with his sincere desire to serve; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly recognized  
17 Francisco Barrientes by authoring this resolution in his behalf  
18 during the Regular Session of the 80th Texas Legislature; now,  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Francisco Barrientes on the naming  
22 of an Edinburg middle school in his honor and extend to him best  
23 wishes for the future; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Mr. Barrientes as an expression of high regard by the  
26 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 364

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 364 was adopted by the House on March 1, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House