

By: Pena

H.R. No. 364

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.