

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Paul Valenzuela provided exceptional service to the
2 citizens of Pecos County for more than 16 years in his role as
3 county commissioner for Precinct 4; and

4 WHEREAS, Appointed to office in April 1990, he faced his
5 first significant challenge later that year in the aftermath of a
6 devastating tornado that struck the area; he and the other members
7 of the commissioners court worked long hours to address the
8 situation and set the county on the road to recovery; and

9 WHEREAS, Commissioner Valenzuela demonstrated similar
10 resolve in addressing the day-to-day needs of residents; in
11 addition to overseeing key infrastructural projects such as roads,
12 wells, and water lines, he worked to initiate crucial service
13 improvements, including the installation of new sewer systems, the
14 construction of new water lines, and the establishment of septic
15 systems in several area communities; moreover, he was instrumental
16 in establishing an ongoing program to assist young families, the
17 elderly, the disabled, and the needy with housing rehabilitation;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Taking a progressive stance in improving the
20 county's economy, Commissioner Valenzuela and his colleagues
21 worked closely with the Texas A&M Texas Cooperative Extension and
22 the water districts in Pecos, Ward, and Crane Counties to establish
23 the first saltwater shrimp farms in the region; another
24 collaboration with TCE created a West Texas trade block to enhance

1 commerce with Mexico, and the commissioners of Pecos County worked
2 with other Texas officials to revitalize the South Orient Railroad
3 as well; Commissioner Valenzuela also supported a project to
4 provide tax abatements to promote the establishment of wind-powered
5 energy generation systems in Pecos County; and

6 WHEREAS, A highly respected member of the community,
7 Mr. Valenzuela has been involved in a variety of civic
8 organizations and institutions, such as Cactus Health Services,
9 Inc., Midland College, and the local Lions Club and chamber of
10 commerce, both of which he has served as president; he has also been
11 an active member of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners
12 Association, which gave him the opportunity to exchange ideas with
13 other county leaders; and

14 WHEREAS, With four children and six grandchildren of his own,
15 Mr. Valenzuela well understands the need to create safe, healthy,
16 and evermore prosperous communities to benefit the future of Pecos
17 County; his committed work in behalf of his constituents fulfilled
18 these goals and remains an outstanding example of effective county
19 government; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
21 Legislature hereby honor Paul Valenzuela for his exemplary service
22 to the citizens of Pecos County and extend to him best wishes for
23 continued success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 493

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 493 was adopted by the House on
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Chief Clerk of the House