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H.R. No. 600

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The retirement of Homer Gallegos of McAllen in March
2 2007 brings to a close a notable 30-year career with the U.S.
3 Department of Veterans Affairs, Readjustment Counseling Service;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Gallegos earned his bachelor's degree and his
6 master's degree in education from Pan American University; in 1975,
7 while enrolled in graduate school, he went to work for the American
8 GI Forum Veterans Outreach Program in McAllen; and

9 WHEREAS, Five years later, Mr. Gallegos became one of the
10 first VA employees to lead the nation's Vietnam Veterans Outreach
11 Centers; he served in Laredo before transferring to the McAllen
12 Veterans Center in 1983, where he has worked for the past 24 years;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, this brave Texan
15 served his country in Vietnam and later joined the U.S. Air Force
16 Reserve, retiring as a major after more than three decades of
17 military service; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Gallegos has been a valued member of the
19 American Legion, the VFW, and the Vietnam Veterans of America,
20 which he served as a chaplain; he has further shared his time with
21 the Hidalgo County Economic Development Board of Directors, the
22 American GI Forum national board of directors, and the Hidalgo
23 Veterans Advisory Committee on Veterans Affairs; and

24 WHEREAS, His efforts have earned him a number of accolades,

1 including the Advocate of the Year Award, the VA 2000 Secretary's
2 Hands and Heart Award, and the Disabled American Veterans
3 Distinguished Service Award; and

4 WHEREAS, Through his dedication to his occupation and to his
5 fellow veterans, Homer Gallegos has earned the lasting respect and
6 admiration of all who are privileged to know him, and he leaves
7 behind an inspiring legacy of achievement for those who will follow
8 in his footsteps; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor Homer Gallegos on his retirement from the
11 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Readjustment Counseling
12 Service, and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and,
13 be it further

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