

By: Martinez

H.R. No. 959

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Juan de Dios Salinas III took office
2 as the county judge of Hidalgo County on January 1, 2007, and he
3 brings to his new post a wealth of experience garnered over the
4 course of a notable tenure in county government that has spanned 15
5 years; and

6 WHEREAS, From 1992 to 2005, J. D. Salinas served as the county
7 clerk for Hidalgo County; in addition to his duties as the chief
8 recordkeeper, he created a collections department that recovered
9 more than \$6 million in previously uncollected court costs and
10 fines; he also launched a number of initiatives to improve public
11 access to the county clerk's office, including the creation of
12 satellite offices and a toll-free telephone line and the
13 introduction of expanded hours; his dedication to his official
14 duties was recognized in 2004, when he was chosen County Clerk of
15 the Year by the County and District Clerks' Association of Texas;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Highly respected by his peers, Mr. Salinas became a
18 member of the board of directors for the County and District Clerks'
19 Association of Texas in 2000, and he has served as the association's
20 director for Region VIII and as a member of its regional legislative
21 committee; moreover, in 2003, Mr. Salinas was selected as the
22 statewide representative for the Texas Association of Counties
23 Leadership Foundation, which promotes innovation and enhanced
24 skills for county officials; and

1 WHEREAS, Judge Salinas draws on a solid educational
2 background, which includes an undergraduate degree from Texas A&M
3 University and a master's degree in public administration from The
4 University of Texas-Pan American; he also gained experience by
5 working as an assistant in the county judge's office and by serving
6 as a municipal judge for the City of La Joya and as regional
7 representative for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; and

8 WHEREAS, An accomplished government official, J. D. Salinas
9 has long worked to benefit his fellow Texans, and his dedication and
10 good judgment will continue to be an invaluable asset for the
11 citizens of Hidalgo County; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate J. D. Salinas on his election as
14 the county judge of Hidalgo County and extend to him best wishes for
15 continued success; and, be it further

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