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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Richard F. Cortez has truly distinguished 2 himself through his outstanding service to the McAllen community, 3 and he is being honored for his accomplishments at the ninth annual 4 "A Night at the Oscars" sponsored by the Rio Grande Valley Chapter 5 of the Muscular Dystrophy Association; and

6 WHEREAS, Elected to office in 2005, Mayor Cortez has brought 7 to his role a wealth of insight gained over the course of his life as 8 a successful businessman, public servant, and community volunteer; 9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mayor Cortez is a certified public accountant with a 11 career that has spanned more than three decades; he is a senior 12 partner with the public accounting and management firm of Burton, 13 McCumber & Cortez, L.L.P., where he is in charge of the litigation 14 support department; and

WHEREAS, His civic involvement is equally impressive, 15 encompassing service with the McAllen Economic Development 16 Corporation, McAllen Chamber of Commerce, McAllen Community 17 18 Development Council, Rio Grande Valley Partnership, McAllen International Museum, and Boys & Girls Club of McAllen and The 19 University of Texas--Pan American Business Council; he has also 20 21 held leadership positions with the Border Trade Alliance, McAllen 22 Housing Finance Corporation, McAllen Public Utilities Board, and 23 International Bank of Commerce-McAllen; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Cortez has worked tirelessly in behalf of his

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fellow Texans; supported by his wife, Elva, four children, and nine grandchildren, he is a dynamic leader who will undoubtedly continue to be an outstanding advocate for his community and for the state; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 6 Legislature hereby honor Mayor Richard F. Cortez for his dedicated 7 service in behalf of the residents of McAllen and extend to him best 8 wishes for the future; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 10 prepared for Mayor Cortez as an expression of high regard by the 11 Texas House of Representatives.

> Gonzales Flores Martinez Pena

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1049 was adopted by the House on March 30, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House