By: Lucio III H.R. No. 1363

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Richard Rodriguez is stepping down as 2 mayor of Harlingen in May 2007 after nearly a decade of committed 3 public service; and

WHEREAS, Elected city commissioner in 1998, Rick Rodriguez served two consecutive terms before being elected mayor in 2004; in that demanding role, he has expanded economic opportunity in the community to encompass retail development, supporting the creation of two new shopping centers, and he was instrumental in securing the preservation of one of the area's popular attractions, Tony Butler Municipal Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of St. Mary's University, Mayor Rodriguez earned his law degree in 1991 from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and his legal expertise has further helped to serve the community; and

WHEREAS, Rick Rodriguez has worked tirelessly in behalf of his fellow residents, and his vision, dedication, and civic spirit will continue to benefit the city of Harlingen for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby commend Mayor Richard Rodriguez for his myriad contributions to the city of Harlingen and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 24 prepared for Mayor Rodriguez as an expression of high regard by the

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1 Texas House of Representatives.