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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico has earned  
2 the Sembrador del Bien Award from the Sin Fronteras Organizing  
3 Project for his notable efforts to promote justice and positive  
4 change in his community; and

5           WHEREAS, Bill Richardson has dedicated his life to the public  
6 good as a United States congressman, ambassador to the United  
7 Nations, United States secretary of energy, and now governor of New  
8 Mexico; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Richardson began his career as a public servant  
10 as the U.S. representative for New Mexico's 3rd Congressional  
11 District; his many accomplishments during his 15 years of service  
12 in this position include bringing new industry to the state,  
13 helping to create the Jemez National Recreation Area and protect  
14 the Rio Grande and the San Juan Basin, and successfully winning the  
15 release of hostages, military personnel, and prisoners in North  
16 Korea, Iraq, Cuba, and Sudan; and

17           WHEREAS, Nominated to represent the United States at the  
18 United Nations by President Bill Clinton in 1997, Ambassador  
19 Richardson worked to promote universal human rights and democracy,  
20 to improve the status of women in foreign lands, and to stop the  
21 spread of international terrorism and the proliferation of  
22 biological weapons; and

23           WHEREAS, Unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate as  
24 secretary of energy in 1998, Secretary Richardson was a champion

1 for clean and renewable technologies, for environmental  
2 responsibility, and for reducing the nation's dependence on foreign  
3 sources of oil; he was the first secretary of energy to request the  
4 congress to provide compensation for Department of Energy workers  
5 whose health had been affected by working in nuclear power plants;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, In his role as governor, Bill Richardson has  
8 garnered support across party lines by improving education, cutting  
9 taxes, expanding access to health care, helping to develop  
10 renewable energy, and building a stronger economy for the people of  
11 New Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, Governor Richardson has further served his state and  
13 nation as chairman of the Western Governors' Association and the  
14 Border Governors' Conference, as chairman of Freedom House, a  
15 nonpartisan organization promoting democracy worldwide, and as a  
16 member of the boards of the Natural Resources Defense Council and  
17 United Way International; for his work freeing hostages and  
18 prisoners around the world, he has been nominated four times for the  
19 Nobel Peace Prize; and

20 WHEREAS, The strength of our communities depends on the  
21 commitment and dedication of leaders who, like Bill Richardson, use  
22 their considerable talents to benefit others; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Governor Bill Richardson of New  
25 Mexico on winning the Sembrador del Bien Award from the Sin  
26 Fronteras Organizing Project and extend best wishes to him for  
27 continued success; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for Governor Richardson as an expression of high regard by  
3 the Texas House of Representatives.