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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Our friend and colleague, the Honorable Robert
2 Puente of San Antonio, celebrates his 49th birthday on this day,
3 April 27, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Puente must have known early on what
5 fate had in store for him when he earned a degree in political
6 science from St. Mary's University and a law degree from The
7 University of Texas at Austin; and

8 WHEREAS, Beginning his tenure in the Texas House of
9 Representatives in 1991 at the tender age of 32, Representative
10 Puente is currently serving his ninth term in the house and can say
11 in all honesty that he's given this place the best years of his
12 life; a man who knows how to have a good time, he serves as chair of
13 the House Natural Resources Committee and as a member of the Local
14 Government Ways and Means Committee and the Steering Committee of
15 the House Research Organization; and

16 WHEREAS, A member of the Texas Water Advisory Council whose
17 opinions hold water, he is well-known for his expertise in related
18 issues and was instrumental in the passage of the Edwards Aquifer
19 Authority legislation; indeed, as those who have served late nights
20 on the House Natural Resources Committee with him can attest, his
21 passion for preserving Texas' water resources is perhaps equaled
22 only by his passion for Red Bull; and

23 WHEREAS, When he isn't working or pursuing his favorite
24 pastime, working, Robert Puente enjoys spending time with his

1 beloved wife, Carmen, and his three children, Alec, Liana, and
2 Luke; and

3 WHEREAS, A 49th birthday is the last one a person may
4 reasonably enjoy without enduring a lot of cringe-worthy jokes, not
5 to mention the onslaught of unsolicited mailings from AARP, and
6 Representative Puente will certainly be forgiven if he decides to
7 turn 49 again next year; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Robert Puente on the
10 first of his 49th birthdays and extend to him sincere best wishes
11 for at least 49 more; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Representative Puente as an expression of high regard
14 by his colleagues in the Texas House of Representatives.