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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Judge Alicia Pena Perez has stepped down from her position as a municipal court judge for the City of Freer, and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to her quarter-century of exemplary service as judge; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong area resident, Judge Perez was one of nine children born to Andres and Seferina Pena and attended school in Freer, receiving her diploma in 1965; she was hired by Jimson's Department Store soon after graduation and quickly became the store's manager, remaining in that position for a decade; she later drew on her retail expertise at A&W Fashion Store and also worked at Freer Insurance; and

WHEREAS, Alicia Perez began her tenure as a municipal court judge in 1982 and ably presided in that capacity until 2007; her duties included the handling of school truancy cases, and Judge Perez took great satisfaction from that part of her job; the close relationships she forged with the children who came before her allowed her to be a constructive force in their lives, and her wise intervention helped to keep them focused on their educational needs; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her professional career, Judge Perez devotes extensive time to her family, which includes her husband, Baldemar Perez, Sr., her children, Jamie and Baldemar Perez, Jr., and her two grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, Judge Perez officially retired as municipal judge on

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- 1 December 2, 2006, but remained on the job on a part-time basis for
- 2 several additional months until a replacement could be hired; as
- 3 her decades of dedicated service come to a close, she may reflect
- 4 with pride on her extensive achievements at the municipal court and
- 5 take satisfaction from the many ways that she has benefited the
- 6 citizens of Freer; now, therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 8 Legislature hereby honor Judge Alicia Pena Perez for her
- 9 accomplished career as a municipal court judge for the City of Freer
- 10 and extend to her best wishes for happiness and success in her
- 11 future endeavors; and, be it further
- 12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 13 prepared for Judge Perez as an expression of high regard by the
- 14 Texas House of Representatives.