

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 669

WHEREAS, For 52 years, J. O. Barrera of San Diego has faithfully served as a Duval County veterans service officer, dutifully meeting the needs of United States military veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, A San Diego native, Mr. Barrera was called to military service on November 18, 1942, shortly after he was graduated from high school; he spent 19 months in Iceland during his three-year stint before being discharged on December 21, 1945; and

WHEREAS, In 1946, Mr. Barrera began employment with the Duval County Tax Collector's Office, a position he held until February 1, 1955, when he was appointed Duval County veterans service officer; and

WHEREAS, Due to Mr. Barrera's hard work and dedication, he earned the opportunity to become a service officer in the San Antonio Office of the Veterans Affairs Commission in 1973, but his loyalty to the veterans of Duval County led him to decline that offer; and

WHEREAS, Named Outstanding Veterans County Service Officer for the 60-county San Antonio Region by the Texas County Service Officers Association in 1979, Mr. Barrera received the AMVETS National Commander's Appreciation Certificate from the American Veterans Organization Office in Houston on February 26, 1999; that same year, the man known as the "Dean of Texas Veterans Service Officers" was awarded certificates from State Representative Ignacio Salinas, Jr., and State Senator Judith Zaffirini in commemoration of his 44 years of service as Duval County veterans service officer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barrera is a member of the American Legion in Benavides and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8931 in San Diego; he is the recipient of a lifetime membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars by the members of Post 8621 in Alice, and he is a member of AMVETS in Houston and the Veterans County Service Officers Association of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Over the past five decades, J. O. Barrera has earned the respect and admiration of countless individuals who have benefited from his commitment to serving his fellow veterans, and he is most worthy of recognition for his continuing efforts to aid and assist these valued Texans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend J. O. Barrera for his 52 years

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of service as a Duval County veterans service officer and extend to him best wishes for continued success in that role; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Barrera as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate