

By: Pena

H.R. No. 206

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Juan R. Partida has served the
2 community of the Rio Grande Valley with great distinction for more
3 than 20 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Edinburg to Jose G. and Adela C. Partida,
5 Juan Partida graduated from Edinburg High School in 1970; he
6 attended The University of Texas at Austin, where he earned his
7 bachelor's degree with honors in 1974 and his law degree in 1977;
8 since then, he has continued his legal education by attending the
9 Texas College for New Judges and the National Judicial College; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1986, Judge Partida was elected to the Hidalgo
11 County Court at Law No. 1, and two years later, he won the first of
12 six consecutive elections to the 275th District Court, all but one
13 of them without opposition; his current term on the district court
14 expires at the end of 2010; and

15 WHEREAS, Judge Partida pioneered the use of alternative
16 dispute resolution methods in Hidalgo County, employing both
17 voluntary and mandatory mediation and also nonbinding summary jury
18 trials; moreover, this esteemed Texan was the first judge in the Rio
19 Grande Valley to require the Prison Orientation for One Day Program
20 as a condition of community supervision in criminal cases; and

21 WHEREAS, Judge Partida is a leader in his profession outside
22 of the courtroom as well; from 1998 to 1999, he served as chair of
23 the Hidalgo County Bail Bond Board, and he was elected by his fellow
24 district court judges to serve as the local presiding judge for the

1 Board of Judges in 2007; he is also the overseer of the two
2 auxiliary courts in the county; and

3 WHEREAS, With the love and support of his wife, Felicia, and
4 his three children, Daniel, Melissa, and Laura, Judge Juan Partida
5 has dedicated himself to the pursuit of excellence in the
6 administration of justice in Hidalgo County for more than two
7 decades, and the people of the Rio Grande Valley have benefited
8 greatly from his consummate professionalism; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby commend Judge Juan R. Partida for his
11 contributions to his community and extend to him sincere best
12 wishes for continued success in his invaluable work; and, be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Judge Partida as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.