

By: Gonzales

H.R. No. 438

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Hidalgo Mayor John David Franz has been named the
2 2009 Border Texan of the Year for his many contributions to his
3 community; and

4 WHEREAS, Nominees for the Border Texan of the Year award are
5 proposed by area communities, and the final selection is made by a
6 committee of the Hidalgo Chamber of Commerce, as part of the city's
7 annual BorderFest celebration; Mayor Franz was chosen by unanimous
8 vote; and

9 WHEREAS, A native of Hidalgo, John David Franz began his
10 exemplary career in public service at the age of 18, when he was
11 appointed the city's municipal judge; in 1990, he was elected as
12 mayor of Hidalgo, and he has distinguished himself in that office
13 ever since; and

14 WHEREAS, During his tenure, Mayor Franz has played a vital
15 role in improving the city's finances; he was instrumental in
16 bringing the popular Dodge Arena concert venue to Hidalgo, and he
17 chairs the Texas Municipal Facilities Corporation, which oversees
18 the arena; and

19 WHEREAS, Mayor Franz has also been a leader in improving
20 community facilities and services; he has overseen the construction
21 of a new city hall and library, as well as youth centers and a system
22 of recreational trails; and

23 WHEREAS, For nearly 20 years, John David Franz has
24 contributed greatly to the stability and prosperity of Hidalgo, and

1 it is most fitting that this esteemed Texan be recognized with this
2 prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate John David Franz on his selection
5 as the 2009 Border Texan of the Year and extend to him sincere best
6 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Mayor Franz as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.