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H.R. No. 779

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Our esteemed colleague, the Honorable Jose  
2 Menendez, is marking his 40th birthday on March 11, 2009, and this  
3 occasion provides a fitting opportunity to officially welcome him  
4 to the middle-age club and to recognize him as a member in good  
5 standing; and

6           WHEREAS, Born to Maria and Antonio Menendez in San Juan,  
7 Texas, in 1969, Jose Menendez has always demonstrated a maturity  
8 beyond his years and a passion for public service; according to some  
9 accounts, he considered a run for mayor of San Antonio while still  
10 in kindergarten but ultimately decided to focus on other important  
11 priorities, including finger painting and chairing the Milk and  
12 Cookies Subcommittee at his elementary school; and

13           WHEREAS, This precocious Texan's entrance into government  
14 was not long in coming, however; he became a San Antonio zoning  
15 commissioner in 1994, when he was just barely old enough to rent a  
16 car, and at age 28, he was elected to the city council, becoming one  
17 of the youngest San Antonio residents ever to win such an important  
18 post; in that 1997 election, thousands of citizens decided that Mr.  
19 Menendez deserved their vote, though it is said that an equal number  
20 of people offered to adopt the youthful candidate; and

21           WHEREAS, In 2001, possessing the wizened experience of a  
22 31-year-old, Mr. Menendez took his seat in the Texas House of  
23 Representatives; in the years since, he has distinguished himself  
24 on a wide range of issues, and his expertise on fiscal issues has

1 earned him the nickname "Tax Credit"; and

2 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, he enjoys the love and  
3 support of his wife, Cehlia Nicole Newman-Menendez; the couple have  
4 three wonderful children, Dominic Michael, Victoria Elise, and  
5 Austin Maxwell, who, given their gene pool, will one day be just as  
6 accomplished as their parents; in fact, there are rumors that all  
7 three children have already formed exploratory committees in  
8 preparation for the 2010 elections; and

9 WHEREAS, With Representative Menendez now turning 40, we have  
10 further proof that time stands still for no one, but this esteemed  
11 public servant is sure to meet the challenges of midlife with his  
12 usual aplomb, not to mention a hearty supply of protein powder,  
13 Whole Foods deli fare, and Monster Energy drinks; given the  
14 remarkable achievements he has attained in his first four decades  
15 of life, we are all looking forward to seeing what he can further  
16 accomplish with a few gray hairs and a little middle-age mojo; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
19 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Jose Menendez on his  
20 40th birthday and encourage him to resist the urge to buy a sports  
21 car to recapture his lost youth; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Representative Menendez as an expression of high  
24 regard by his colleagues in the Texas House of Representatives.