

By: Gallego

H.R. No. 1196

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An esteemed educator and archeologist, Robert J.
2 Mallouf retired as director of the Center for Big Bend Studies at
3 Sul Ross State University in August 2008; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Brownwood, Bob Mallouf attended Howard
5 Payne University before transferring to The University of Texas at
6 Austin, where he earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology in
7 1970; he went on to study at the University of California at
8 Berkeley and the American University of Cairo as a scholarship
9 recipient; he later resumed his studies at UT Austin, and in 1985,
10 he attained a master's degree in anthropology; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Mallouf worked in archeology with the State of
12 Texas for more than 36 years, including nearly a quarter-century
13 with the Archeology Division of the Texas Historical Commission,
14 and he has held such positions as state archeologist and both field
15 and survey archeologist; and

16 WHEREAS, After joining Sul Ross State University in 1995, Mr.
17 Mallouf set out to expand the Center for Big Bend Studies, and in
18 the 13 years he served as its director, the program budget went from
19 \$15,000 to \$600,000, and 16 staff members were added; he also
20 expanded the center to allow for contractual archeology projects,
21 including one in Big Bend National Park, and he oversaw the launch
22 of a five-year research endeavor, the Trans-Pecos Archeological
23 Program; dividing his time between administering the program,
24 teaching, fund-raising, and excavating, Mr. Mallouf helped

1 establish the Friends of the Center for Big Bend Studies, which has
2 attracted several million dollars in grants and private donations;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Bob Mallouf made lasting contributions to Sul Ross,
5 to his profession, and to the community at large, and he may indeed
6 reflect with great pride on a career well spent; now, therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Robert J. Mallouf on his retirement
10 as director of the Center for Big Bend Studies at Sul Ross State
11 University and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;
12 and, be it further

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