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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In 16 years of service as the county attorney of El 2 Paso County, Jose R. Rodriguez has established himself as a 3 concerned and dedicated leader who has made a notable contribution 4 to improving the quality of life in West Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Rodriguez assumed his duties as county attorney 6 on January 1, 1993, and since that time he has worked to uphold the 7 mission of his office by providing high-quality legal services in 8 an ethical, professional, and capable manner; in addition to 9 representing El Paso County and the hospital district in all legal 10 matters, he prosecutes juvenile crime, family violence protective 11 orders, child abuse and neglect cases, and mental commitments; and

12 WHEREAS, A graduate of George Washington University National Law Center, Mr. Rodriguez began his distinguished legal career as a 13 14 staff attorney with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C.; he went on to serve as legal 15 16 advisor to the county judge of El Paso County and as staff attorney and director of the farmworker program of Texas Rural Legal Aid, a 17 statewide program that addresses matters of labor and employment, 18 housing, and civil rights; and 19

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Rodriguez also serves as a board member of the 21 Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund; in all of his 22 endeavors, he is blessed with the support of his wife, Carmen, and 23 his two children; and

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WHEREAS, Jose Rodriguez has demonstrated a commitment to

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4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas 5 Legislature hereby honor Jose R. Rodriguez for his outstanding 6 service as county attorney of El Paso County and extend to him 7 sincere best wishes for continued success with his important work; 8 and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 10 prepared for Mr. Rodriguez as an expression of high regard by the 11 Texas House of Representatives.

> Marquez Moody Quintanilla Pickett

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1426 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House