

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Former Kenedy County Sheriff Rafael Cuellar, Jr.,
2 has dedicated a third of a century to protecting the safety and
3 welfare of his fellow citizens as a law enforcement officer; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Sarita, Mr. Cuellar comes from a
5 distinguished family whose members have played an important role in
6 the history of Kenedy County since the early 1900s; three
7 generations of Cuellars, including Mr. Cuellar, his father, and his
8 grandfather, have been employed by the Kenedy Ranch; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Cuellar's family also has a proud tradition of
10 serving the county as peace officers; Rafael Cuellar, Sr., served
11 as a county constable, and after his death in 1982, his daughter,
12 Lupita Cuellar, served as a constable; carrying on the family
13 tradition, Sheriff Cuellar's son, Rafael Cuellar III, has also been
14 a county constable; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Cuellar, Jr., likewise began his law enforcement
16 career as a Kenedy County constable, a position he held for 16
17 years; he then served as deputy county sheriff for eight years; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1992, Mr. Cuellar was elected to the post of
19 Kenedy County Sheriff, the first Hispanic sheriff in the county's
20 history; he served eight years with great distinction until his
21 retirement in 2000, earning recognition from the county and his
22 peers; he also served as president of the Coastal Bend Peace
23 Officers Association; and

24 WHEREAS, Sheriff Cuellar's dedication, professionalism, and

1 commitment to excellence have greatly benefited the people of
2 Kenedy County, and he may indeed take great pride in his rich family
3 heritage and his lifetime of service to others; now, therefore, be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor former Kenedy County Sheriff Rafael
7 Cuellar, Jr., for his long record of achievement and contributions
8 to his community and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
9 future; and, be it further

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

Rios Ybarra

H.R. No. 1603

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1603 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House