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H.R. No. 1603

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.