

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, La Feria city commissioner John Hernandez has served  
2 his community and his country with great distinction, and his  
3 accomplishments are indeed worthy of special recognition; and

4           WHEREAS, In his boyhood, Mr. Hernandez joined his migrant  
5 family in agricultural labor that took them north every harvest  
6 season; although this work often forced him to get a late start in  
7 school, he studied diligently and graduated from La Feria High  
8 School in 1968; that same year, he joined the U.S. Marines; while  
9 serving in the 2nd Marine Division in Vietnam, he was wounded by  
10 mortar fire and received a Purple Heart for his bravery; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Hernandez went on to work for the United States  
12 Postal Service for three decades until his retirement; in recent  
13 years, he has dedicated himself to the residents of La Feria, giving  
14 generously of his time and talents as a volunteer and as a public  
15 official; first elected as a city commissioner in 1995, he joined  
16 the economic development board and the city event planning board  
17 that same year and continues to serve in all three capacities; from  
18 1998 through 2005, this civic-minded Texan served as mayor pro tem  
19 of La Feria; in addition, he served on the original home-rule  
20 charter committee in 1989; and

21           WHEREAS, Among his myriad endeavors, Mr. Hernandez has long  
22 served as a member and officer of the Knights of Columbus, and he is  
23 also a valued member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, where he  
24 serves as a Eucharistic minister; over the years, he and his wife,

1 the former Mary Cobarrubias, have participated in countless  
2 community events; the devoted couple are the parents of three  
3 treasured sons; and

4 WHEREAS, Through his selfless efforts and unwavering  
5 commitment, John Hernandez has helped La Feria grow and prosper,  
6 and he has earned the respect and admiration of all who are  
7 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
9 Legislature hereby recognize John Hernandez for his noteworthy  
10 achievements and extend to him best wishes for continued success;  
11 and, be it further

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

Rios Ybarra

H.R. No. 1608

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1608 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House