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H.R. No. 1608

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.