

By: Martinez

H.R. No. 1768

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Oswaldo Castaneda has earned the Lifetime Service  
2 Award from the Mercedes Chamber of Commerce for his contributions  
3 to his community; and

4 WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Mercedes, Mr. Castaneda  
5 graduated from high school in 1964 and received a bachelor's degree  
6 in business education from The University of Texas--Pan American in  
7 1969; since that time, he has accumulated additional college hours  
8 in graduate business courses and education from UTPA and Texas A&M  
9 University--Corpus Christi; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Castaneda served as a city commissioner from  
11 April 1984 until May 1992, with two terms as mayor pro tem; in these  
12 capacities, he was instrumental in bringing the first industrial  
13 park to the city of Mercedes, supporting the free enterprise zone,  
14 and increasing funding for water, sewer, and paving projects; and

15 WHEREAS, This dedicated volunteer has been a valued presence  
16 in Mercedes Little League Baseball, holding such positions as  
17 president, treasurer, scorekeeper, manager, and assistant manager;  
18 his involvement and fund-raising activities led to major  
19 improvements in facilities and boosted opportunities for children  
20 to enjoy organized sporting activities and participate in the youth  
21 baseball program; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Castaneda has been a prominent member of the  
23 Mercedes Lions Club since 1987, leading the civic group as  
24 president, vice president, and secretary; he has also chaired a

1 number of committee projects, and his service to the club was  
2 recognized with the Lion of the Year award; and

3 WHEREAS, In addition to his many other responsibilities, Mr.  
4 Castaneda has been a service officer with the Veterans of Foreign  
5 Wars, president of the Rio Grande Valley All Armed Forces Senior NCO  
6 Club, and a member of the Mercedes ISD Career and Technology  
7 Advisory Committee; and

8 WHEREAS, Oswaldo Castaneda's civic spirit has greatly  
9 contributed to the vibrancy of his community, and his receipt of the  
10 Lifetime Service Award is yet another indication of the high regard  
11 in which he is held by his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Oswaldo Castaneda on receiving the  
14 Mercedes Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Service Award and extend to  
15 him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and,  
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Mr. Castaneda as an expression of high regard by the  
19 Texas House of Representatives.