

By: Martinez

H.R. No. 1770

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ismael Gonzalez 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, "Mike" Gonzalez  
5 graduated from high school in 1966 and attended The University of  
6 Texas--Pan American, where he was on the baseball team; he  
7 graduated in 1970, and that same year, he began a distinguished  
8 teaching and coaching career with the Mercedes Independent School  
9 District; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzalez was a respected and effective educator  
11 and coach at every level; he taught high school health and history  
12 while coaching baseball, basketball, football, and track; at  
13 Mercedes Junior High, he taught content mastery and served as head  
14 coach for all sports; in addition, he was responsible for many  
15 district and school tournaments for elementary students; and

16 WHEREAS, Throughout his 29-year tenure with MISD,  
17 Mr. Gonzalez was an outstanding role model for students both in the  
18 classroom and on the athletic field; in recent years, he has  
19 continued to benefit area youth as a tutor at Kennedy Intermediate  
20 and Hinojosa and Travis Elementary Schools; and

21 WHEREAS, A former member of Primera Iglesia Bautista of  
22 Mercedes, Mr. Gonzalez served his parish as Sunday school director,  
23 treasurer, children's church director, Christmas program director,  
24 vacation Bible school director, and youth counselor; he was also a

1 member of the choir, two gospel groups, and the Valley Church  
2 Softball League; today, he is a member of Baptist Temple, where he  
3 volunteers as a greeter; in addition to his service with his church,  
4 he supports a number of worthwhile causes and generously donates to  
5 area charities; and

6 WHEREAS, The civic spirit of Mike Gonzalez has greatly  
7 contributed to the vibrancy of his community, and his receipt of the  
8 Lifetime Service Award is yet another indication of the high regard  
9 in which he is held by his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Ismael "Mike" Gonzalez on  
12 receiving the Mercedes Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Service Award  
13 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and  
14 happiness; and, be it further

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