R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, On April 2, 2009, San Antonio businessman Roberto
2 Gonzales reopened his garage, Advanced First Auto and Collision
3 Center, in a new location in order to save the jobs of his
4 employees; and

5   WHEREAS, A native of Donna, Mr. Gonzales learned the values
6 of hard work and concern for others growing up in a family of
7 farmworkers; when he was 19, he settled near Detroit, Michigan,
8 where he took a job as a welder for General Motors and also worked
9 for several small auto repair shops; and

10   WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzales moved back to Texas and opened his own
11 repair shop in San Antonio in 1987 with little more than $5,000 and
12 a jack; with the help of loyal and dedicated employees, he built the
13 business into Advanced First Auto, specializing in restoring
14 classic cars and hot rods; and

15   WHEREAS, Recently, at the age of 63, Mr. Gonzales had the
16 opportunity to retire when he sold the business for a considerable
17 profit, but he realized how hard it might be for his employees to
18 find other jobs in this difficult economy; as a result, he purchased
19 a new location and kept his employees on the payroll during the
20 monthlong transition to the new shop; and

21   WHEREAS, This act of generosity and loyalty is but one
22 example of the ethical nature and good business sense of Roberto
23 Gonzales, and he may indeed take great pride in his many notable
24 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

1   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

2   Legislature hereby congratulate Roberto Gonzales on the grand

3   reopening of Advanced First Auto and Collision Center and commend

4   him on his commitment to his employees and his community; and, be it

5   further

6   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

7   prepared for Mr. Gonzales as an expression of high regard by the

8   Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2067

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2067 was adopted by the House on May 19, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House