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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Nick Jimenez is retiring as editorial page editor of  
2 the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* in 2009, drawing to a close a  
3 successful career in journalism that has spanned more than four  
4 decades; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Jimenez began working with the *Caller-Times* in  
6 1968, when it was still two newspapers, the morning *Caller* and the  
7 afternoon *Times*, and he covered city and county government as well  
8 as the police and court beats for both papers; from the start, he  
9 proved himself to be a determined and resourceful reporter; and

10           WHEREAS, In 1978, Mr. Jimenez became assistant city editor of  
11 the *Times*, and then city editor of both papers; he was promoted to  
12 associate editor in 1989, and in 1994 he took over as editor of the  
13 *Caller-Times* editorial page; and

14           WHEREAS, In that position, Mr. Jimenez earned a reputation as  
15 a fair, tough-minded, and coolheaded writer and editor who took  
16 seriously the editor's role of formulating and articulating the  
17 debate on issues of interest to the community; furthermore, he has  
18 been a valued mentor to several generations of young journalists;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, Mr. Jimenez has also demonstrated his commitment to  
21 the community through his active engagement with the PTA, his  
22 church, and his neighborhood association; he has played an active  
23 role with the paper's annual Christmas Appeal, which has raised  
24 \$2.6 million for needy children since 1973, and he coordinated the

1 Distinguished Scholars program, which recognizes 18 outstanding  
2 high school students every year; and

3 WHEREAS, In recognition of his many civic contributions, Mr.  
4 Jimenez was recognized with the William R. Burleigh Award for  
5 Distinguished Community Service from the Scripps Howard Foundation  
6 in 2006; in 2001, he received the Jack Douglas Award from the Texas  
7 Associated Press Managing Editors Association for creating the  
8 Buster Haas Minority Internship Program, which places summer  
9 interns with small Texas newspapers; and

10 WHEREAS, Even in retirement, Mr. Jimenez plans to continue to  
11 serve the paper as editor emeritus, and the citizens of Corpus  
12 Christi will continue to benefit from his experience and  
13 perspective; and

14 WHEREAS, Greatly respected by his colleagues for his  
15 integrity, professionalism, and commitment to excellence, Nick  
16 Jimenez may indeed take great pride in his 41-year record of  
17 outstanding journalism as he embarks on the next exciting chapter  
18 of his life; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Nick Jimenez on his retirement as  
21 editorial page editor of the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* and extend  
22 to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it  
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Mr. Jimenez as an expression of high regard by the  
26 Texas House of Representatives.