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H.R. No. 2475

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 20 years, Frank Torres has served as director of
2 Willacy County Emergency Medical Services, and throughout his
3 notable tenure, he has played a vital role in preserving the health
4 and safety of the citizens of his community; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Raymondville, Mr. Torres started his
6 career as a leather craftsman and bootmaker in his family's
7 business; in 1987, Mr. Torres began working as a volunteer
8 emergency medical technician with Willacy County EMS, and two years
9 later he became director of the service; and

10 WHEREAS, This dynamic public servant has helped the county
11 EMS grow from a 12-member volunteer service with two vehicles to a
12 24-hour mobile intensive care unit with a fleet of five vehicles and
13 a staff of 32 full-time and volunteer employees; he has also helped
14 lead the effort to construct the new EMS Central Station, which will
15 be completed by midsummer of 2009; and

16 WHEREAS, Since 1989, Mr. Torres has further served his
17 community as a member of the Raymondville Volunteer Fire
18 Department; he has been the department's training coordinator and
19 assistant fire chief, and he became the fire chief in 2008; that
20 same year, he was named the Willacy County emergency management
21 coordinator; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Torres was appointed to the Texas Emergency
23 Services Retirement System Board of Trustees in 1996 by Governor
24 George W. Bush, and he now serves that organization as its chair; he

1 also serves on the Trauma Regional Advisory Council, the Texas EMS
2 Advisory Council, and the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory
3 Council; in 1993, he was named the Texas Department of Health EMS
4 Administrator of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to his professional responsibilities,
6 this caring gentleman has also found time to serve his community as
7 president of the Raymondville Rotary Club, a member of the
8 Raymondville Planning and Zoning Commission, and a Fun Fiesta
9 director for the Raymondville Chamber of Commerce; and

10 WHEREAS, For more than 20 years, the people of Willacy County
11 have benefited greatly from the dedication, professionalism, and
12 vision of Frank Torres, and this outstanding Texan is indeed worthy
13 of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
15 Legislature hereby commend Frank Torres on his exemplary public
16 service and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success
17 and happiness; and, be it further

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