

By: Castro

H.R. No. 2492

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Salvadore M. Hernandez has distinguished himself
2 during his eight-year tenure as a member of the board of trustees of
3 the San Antonio Water System (SAWS), and his exceptional service
4 has helped ensure a safe and reliable water supply for residents of
5 the San Antonio area; and

6 WHEREAS, First appointed to the board in 2001, Mr. Hernandez
7 was retained for a second four-year term in 2005 and is concluding
8 his service in 2009; during his time as a trustee, he contributed to
9 a number of major developments; SAWS added some 70,000 acre-feet of
10 water rights, constructed the second largest aquifer storage and
11 recovery project in the nation, and made substantial additions to
12 its infrastructure, which included building nearly 1,800 miles of
13 water and sewer lines; and

14 WHEREAS, The system's significant growth was further
15 reflected in the addition of 56,000 new water customers and 72,000
16 new sewer customers; to help meet the needs of the many people
17 served by SAWS, the board of trustees refined its water management
18 plan, and it helped establish a sound financial basis for the
19 utility that resulted in an improvement in the SAWS bond rating;
20 moreover, the system earned numerous awards for its performance,
21 including a commendation for the best tasting drinking water from
22 the Texas section of the American Water Works Association; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Hernandez draws on significant experience in the
24 field of public health; after working in the food production

1 industry, he spent six years with the San Antonio Metropolitan
2 Health District and, during that period, became a registered
3 professional sanitarian; in 1994, he joined the Texas Department of
4 Health, which later became the Texas Department of State Health
5 Services, where he has worked as a chief sanitarian and as a program
6 administrator and presently devotes his efforts to the agency's
7 Health Service Region 8; and

8 WHEREAS, By contributing to the wise guidance of San
9 Antonio's water resources as a member of the SAWS board of trustees,
10 Sal Hernandez has helped further the city's present and future
11 prosperity, and he may take justifiable pride in a job well done;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
14 Legislature hereby commend Salvadore M. Hernandez for his
15 outstanding service as a member of the San Antonio Water System
16 board of trustees and extend to him sincere best wishes for
17 continued success; and, be it further

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