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H.R. No. 2658

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dick Messbarger has contributed greatly to the
2 betterment of his community and the State of Texas for many years;
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4 WHEREAS, A veteran of the U.S. Navy who served during the
5 Vietnam War, Mr. Messbarger earned his bachelor's degree from
6 St. Mary's University, and he worked for a time as the principal of
7 Corpus Christi Academy before moving to Kingsville in 1972; and

8 WHEREAS, Entering a new career path, he became general
9 manager of radio stations KINE and KPUP and managing editor of the
10 *Kingsville Record and Bishop News*; and

11 WHEREAS, Since 1988, Mr. Messbarger has distinguished
12 himself in Kingsville as executive director of the Greater
13 Kingsville Economic Development Council; he has further shared his
14 leadership as president of the Kingsville chapter of the Navy
15 League, and he currently plays a vital role as secretary of the
16 Kingsville Area Industrial Development Foundation board and the
17 Coastal Bend Community Foundation, as a board member of the Coastal
18 Bend Housing Finance Corporation, and as chair of the Texas
19 Defense, Aviation, and Aerospace Alliance; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Messbarger was named the 2008 Kingsville Citizen
21 of the Year by the local chamber of commerce, and he was honored
22 with the Sam Walton Business Leader Award in 1998 and the Community
23 Economic Development Award from the Texas Economic Development
24 Council in 1998 and 2000; and

1 WHEREAS, Dick Messbarger has long played a leading role in
2 the growth and prosperity of Kingsville, and he may indeed reflect
3 with pride on the many significant contributions he has made to the
4 betterment of his community; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby commend Dick Messbarger for his exemplary record
7 of civic engagement and extend to him sincere best wishes for
8 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Mr. Messbarger as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.