

By: Chavez

H.R. No. 2919

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, John C. Padalino of El Paso has been appointed as a  
2 special assistant in the Rural Utilities Service of the United  
3 States Department of Agriculture; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Jerry and Priscilla Padalino, John  
5 Padalino was born on August 30, 1973, in Tucson, Arizona; because  
6 his father was a U.S. customs agent, he and his family lived in a  
7 number of border communities over the course of his youth; Mr.  
8 Padalino went on to earn a bachelor's degree in government from The  
9 University of Texas at Austin in 1995, and he worked as a  
10 water/wastewater treatment plant operator and volunteered as an  
11 adult literacy and GED course instructor before resuming his  
12 studies at Rutgers School of Law in Camden, New Jersey; and

13 WHEREAS, An outstanding student, Mr. Padalino became the lead  
14 state constitutional law editor for the law review and was  
15 published in the *Rutgers Law Journal*, in addition to being named a  
16 Marshall-Brennan Fellow; he graduated with honors in 2003 and  
17 joined the firm of Kemp Smith as an associate; during his tenure  
18 with the firm, he has practiced environmental, administrative,  
19 public, and appellate law, as well as commercial litigation; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2007, Mr. Padalino began volunteering with the  
21 Obama for America campaign; he helped establish the El Paso  
22 Grassroots for Obama organization, and in August 2008 he took leave  
23 from Kemp Smith to work as a field organizer for the Obama campaign  
24 through the November election; he has continued volunteering as a

1 lead organizer for Congressional District 16; and

2           WHEREAS, In addition to his political involvement, Mr.  
3 Padalino has served as chair of the Law Focused Education Committee  
4 of the State Bar of Texas, as a member of the Texas Association of  
5 Water Board Directors, as a board member for AVANCE El Paso, and as  
6 president of the Unitarian Universalist Community of El Paso; and

7           WHEREAS, John Padalino has distinguished himself through his  
8 legal career and his civic engagement, and it is a pleasure to honor  
9 him on his latest achievement; now, therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate John C. Padalino on his appointment  
12 as a special assistant in the Rural Utilities Service of the U.S.  
13 Department of Agriculture and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
14 continued success as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his  
15 life; and, be it further

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