

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Monsignor Arturo J. Bañuelas, the recipient of the Adelante Con Ganas Award for January of 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Monsignor Bañuelas is a native priest of the Diocese of El Paso, Texas; he was ordained June 11, 1976, and today is pastor of Saint Pius X Catholic Parish in El Paso; and

**WHEREAS**, Monsignor Bañuelas earned a master of divinity degree from Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana, and a licentiate's degree and a doctorate from Gregorian University in Rome; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1988 he founded Tepeyac Institute, a diocesan ministry formation center in El Paso; today, it is one of the largest such centers in the nation, having trained more than 12,000 persons, and it boasts a staff of more than 125 professors with doctorates or master's degrees teaching in advanced degree programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Monsignor Bañuelas has served on numerous community boards and commissions, including the Hospice of El Paso; Paso del Norte Health Foundation; Las Americas Center, which provides legal assistance for migrants and refugees; and Festival Guadalupano Hispano; and

**WHEREAS**, Monsignor Bañuelas in 1989 founded the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States; he is a widely regarded lecturer who has presented at universities across the country, and he is a published author on theology; his credits include being an editorial board member for the *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology* since 1993; and

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**WHEREAS**, Monsignor Bañuelas oversees Saint Pius X's 43 vibrant ministries whose volunteers daily serve El Paso County, and he is an enduring champion for migrants, farm workers, and the county's poor and disenfranchised; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Monsignor Arturo J. Bañuelas for his many contributions to the City of El Paso and extend to him congratulations on receiving the Adelante Con Ganas Award; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 26, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate