

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 487

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Jesse A. Benavides on the occasion of his retirement after 29 years of running Benavides Drive Inn; and

WHEREAS, Benavides Drive Inn, also known as J.B.'s, is located on Drennan Street in Houston's Second Ward; J.B. grew up in the Second Ward and returned to the area after living in the Denver Harbor community for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Since opening Benavides Drive Inn on June 1, 1980, J.B. has been closely involved in his community; he has helped many families in times of hardship or misfortune by holding fund-raisers and by donating his time and resources; and

WHEREAS, He has been actively involved with Navidad En El Barrio and Los Vaqueros Trail Riders, opening his establishment to them for meetings and fund-raising events, and he has helped Blessed Sacrament Church and Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in their annual bazaars; he has been a longtime sponsor of Little League baseball teams and has frequently assisted police organizations with benefits; and

WHEREAS, J.B. proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps for four years, and it gives him particular pleasure to welcome all his fellow Marines to his establishment on November 10 in celebration of the Marine Corps' birthday; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, J.B. has earned the admiration and respect of all who have had the fortune of knowing him; he has become a veritable institution in the Second Ward, and his familiar presence as the proprietor of Benavides Drive Inn will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Jesse A. Benavides for providing 29 years of warm hospitality and support to his community as the operator of Benavides Drive Inn and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

Gallegos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate