

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 488**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize René Gonzales, who is retiring on April 1, 2009, after many years of outstanding service with the Houston Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Gonzales serves as vice president at the Houston branch, where he is currently responsible for cash operations and the Federal Reserve Law Enforcement unit; and

**WHEREAS,** A native of San Antonio, Mr. Gonzales began his 36-year career with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas at its San Antonio Branch in 1973 and transferred to the Houston Branch when he was promoted to assistant vice president in 1987; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the course of his career, Mr. Gonzales has become known for his superior leadership and his comprehensive knowledge of Federal Reserve operations; he has had management responsibilities in nearly every operational aspect of the bank, and he served on special assignment at the bank's board of governors in Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS,** Talented and resourceful, Mr. Gonzales has handled his many responsibilities with exceptional efficiency and dedication; his leadership played a vital role in the creation of many of the important practices put in place for the Federal Reserve System; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Gonzales developed invaluable relationships with community leaders and organizations throughout the Houston area, including the Greater Houston Partnership, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Houston Independent School District, which honored him with induction into its Hall of Fame; and

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**WHEREAS**, An exemplary executive, Mr. Gonzales is respected and admired by his colleagues, and his presence at the Houston Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend René Gonzales on his long and distinguished career with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and extend to him best wishes for the retirement years ahead; 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 March 20, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate