

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 984

**WHEREAS**, Joe Hidrogo has become an important role model and mentor to youth on the south side of Fort Worth through his work with Round 1 Boxing Gym; and

**WHEREAS**, Founded by Mr. Hidrogo and others in 2005, this gym offered training in boxing and martial arts to people of all ages who learned discipline and mutual respect through participation in the gym's activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Round 1 Boxing soon became an important center for the community; when some younger members were unable to afford the gym's monthly fee, Mr. Hidrogo waived the fee or local businesses paid for them, and several teachers volunteered to tutor students at the gym who needed help with their schoolwork; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2007, Round 1 Boxing officially reorganized as a nonprofit organization; it works in partnership with the Fort Worth Independent School District in an after-school program, helping students learn the values of respect and hard work through physical training; and

**WHEREAS**, Since May of 2008, Round 1 Boxing has been without a permanent home, but Mr. Hidrogo has continued to train young people at his own home while fund-raising for a new facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Through his establishment of Round 1 Boxing Gym, Joe Hidrogo has provided an important community service that has greatly benefited the youth of Fort Worth's south side, and this outstanding Texan's generosity and commitment to others make him truly worthy of recognition; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Joe Hidrogo for his establishment of Round 1 Boxing Gym and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Hidrogo as an expression of high regard 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 May 22, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate