## R E S OLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable Jose Benito Canales has distinguished himself as justice of the peace of Precinct 4 in Duval County for more than three decades, and his work in behalf of his fellow citizens is truly deserving of recognition; and

WHEREAS, Jose Canales was born in Oilton and moved to Freer with his family in 1940; following his graduation from high school in 1950, he served his country for two years in the United States Army during the Korean War; he then returned to Texas and went to work for a local retail store; and

WHEREAS, First appointed to his post as justice of the peace in 1981, Judge Canales has continually sought ways to make his office more accessible to the public; he has further benefited Duval County and surrounding areas through his involvement on the board of the Community Action Council of South Texas and his work as a post commander of VFW Post No. 8786; he is also active at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Freer, where he has served as president of a mutual-aid society; and

WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Judge Canales enjoys the love and support of his wife, Barbara, with whom he has shared more than 55 years of fulfilling partnership; he takes pride in a fine family that includes three children, Ricardo Canales, who works for the Department of Human Resources in Tomball, Carolina Canales Alaniz, a retired teacher, and Corina Canales Reyes, who teaches in Spring; and

WHEREAS, Through his commitment and leadership, Jose Benito Canales has helped to make Duval County an even better place in which to live and work, and his dedicated efforts are a continuing source of inspiration to all who know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend the Honorable Jose Benito Canales for his service as justice of the peace of Precinct 4 in Duval County and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Judge Canales as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

