

By: Guillen

H.R. No. 120

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Edna and Arnoldo Cantu have distinguished  
2 themselves through their service to the residents of Freer and  
3 Duval County; and

4           WHEREAS, The daughter of Adolfo Vela and Eudelia Vela, Edna  
5 Cantu has worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 32 years and has  
6 been the postmaster of Freer for the past 21 years; in addition, she  
7 was elected to the board of trustees of the Freer Independent School  
8 District in 1988 and served for 22 years, including eight years as  
9 president; during her tenure, a \$23 million bond was passed to allow  
10 the completion of major renovations to schools and the construction  
11 of a new administration building; and

12           WHEREAS, Arnoldo Cantu is the son of Eleodoro Cantu and  
13 Odilia Gonzales; he was a deputy with the Duval County Sheriff's  
14 Office for many years, and since 1987 he has made his living as a  
15 self-employed businessman; he owns the Cantu Tire Center in Freer  
16 as well as Venado Homes, Venado Storage, a car dealership, and two  
17 car washes in Duval County; he has also made his mark as an elected  
18 official, serving on the Freer City Council for two decades and as  
19 an alderman for six years before being elected mayor in 1997; he  
20 spent 14 years in that post, never missing a meeting, and his  
21 accomplishments included helping to secure several million dollars  
22 in grants for the city and overseeing significant improvements to  
23 the local fairgrounds; and

24           WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Cantu celebrated their 30th wedding

1 anniversary on April 27, 2011, and through the years they have had  
2 the pleasure of seeing their family grow to include three children,  
3 Shelly, Jacob, and Jaime, as well as two grandchildren, Enrique and  
4 Alyssa; and

5 WHEREAS, This inspiring couple are active supporters of the  
6 Freer High School Buckaroos and also sponsor numerous Little League  
7 teams, help fund student scholarships, and support the Freer Fair  
8 Association; they are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and  
9 Mrs. Cantu is also a member of the Catholic Daughters of the  
10 Americas; and

11 WHEREAS, True champions of Freer, Edna and Arnoldo Cantu have  
12 made a positive difference in the lives of their fellow citizens in  
13 countless ways, and they are highly regarded for their civic  
14 engagement; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
16 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Edna and Arnoldo  
17 Cantu for their contributions to their community and extend to them  
18 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Cantu as an expression of high regard by  
21 the Texas House of Representatives.