

By: Guillen

H.R. No. 153

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Martin A. Canales, Jr., of Roma has distinguished
2 himself as a dedicated civic leader whose efforts have made a
3 positive difference in his community; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on March 25, 1941, in Salineno to Martin
5 A. Canales, Sr., and Paz R. Canales, Martin Canales, Jr., graduated
6 from Roma High School in 1958; he attended business college in San
7 Antonio for two years and then returned to Salineno to help his
8 father run the family grocery and ranch; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Canales spent 13 years employed with the City of
10 Roma, serving as city secretary, tax assessor and collector, and
11 director of finance; he learned a great deal about budgets,
12 valuations, and other fiscal matters and enjoyed many rewarding
13 interactions with residents; in addition, he was elected to the
14 board of trustees of the Roma Independent School District and
15 served in that capacity for seven years; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1978, Mr. Canales was offered a job when Citizens
17 State Bank, the first chartered bank in Roma, opened its doors;
18 beginning as a loan officer, vault teller, and head of payroll, he
19 advanced to the position of executive vice president and, in 1984,
20 became president and director of the bank; he helped to found the
21 bank's scholarship initiative, which assists deserving graduates
22 of Roma High School, and after his retirement he chaired the bank's
23 board of directors; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Canales has shared his time and talents as a

1 member of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service
2 board, the Medina Electric Cooperative scholarship committee, the
3 American and Texas Bankers Associations, and the Lions Club; a man
4 of faith, he is an active member of Our Lady of Refuge Catholic
5 Church in Roma as well as the Knights of Columbus and the
6 International Order of the Alhambra; he continues to be involved in
7 bank meetings and in his ranching business; and

8 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Canales enjoys the love
9 and support of his wife of more than 40 years, Sylvia, and he takes
10 pride in a fine family that includes three children, Martin
11 A. Canales III, Omar Canales, and Lamar Gonzalez; he has seen his
12 children graduate from The University of Texas-Pan American, Texas
13 A&M University, and The University of Texas at Austin, and he has
14 welcomed six grandchildren into his family; and

15 WHEREAS, Through his tireless efforts and unwavering
16 commitment, Martin Canales, Jr., has helped bring about new
17 opportunities for his fellow citizens, and he has earned the
18 respect and admiration of all who are privileged to know him; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
21 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Martin A. Canales,
22 Jr., for his contributions to his community and extend to him
23 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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