

By: Guillen

H.R. No. 156

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For nearly three decades, Jesus Rudy Casas and Ann
2 Casas have contributed to the economy of South Texas and provided an
3 invaluable service to the petroleum industry through their
4 business, Freer Iron Works; and

5 WHEREAS, Rudy and Ann Casas met and married in 1965 in Hawaii,
6 where Mr. Casas, a trained welder, was serving in the U.S. Navy as a
7 pipe fitter; the couple settled in Texas after his discharge, and
8 Mr. Casas started his own business, Casas Welding and Bit Retipping
9 Service, in Benavides; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1984, Mr. and Mrs. Casas purchased Freer Iron
11 Works, a machine shop that specializes in fabricating and repairing
12 oil field piping, from the previous owners; the company originally
13 consisted of Mr. Casas, another welder, and a machinist, with
14 Mrs. Casas serving as the secretary; in addition, the couple's four
15 sons, Rene, Adan, Jaime, and Javier, often worked as the cleanup
16 crew; and

17 WHEREAS, Thanks to the family's outstanding efforts, the
18 company survived the oil bust of the 1980s, and in 1993, Mr. and
19 Mrs. Casas started Duval Lease Service, which provides heavy
20 equipment and crews for the oil industry; in 2007, they also founded
21 South Texas Process Equipment, which manufactures and installs oil
22 field production tanks; and

23 WHEREAS, Today, the three businesses together employ more
24 than 200 people; Rene and Javier Casas manage the locations in

1 Freer, Zapata, Kenedy, and Carrizo Springs, in partnership with
2 their father, who also continues to work as a crane operator at the
3 age of 69; and

4 WHEREAS, Providing jobs and valuable services to the region,
5 Freer Iron Works and its sister companies are a Lone Star success
6 story, and Mr. and Mrs. Casas, their sons, and their employees may
7 indeed take great pride in their achievements over the years; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Rudy and Ann Casas
11 and their family for their business success and extend to all those
12 associated with Freer Iron Works and its sister companies sincere
13 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Casas as an expression of high regard by
16 the Texas House of Representatives.