

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of the outstanding efforts of a truly
2 exceptional Texan, the Rotary Club of El Paso honored Dr. Herbert
3 H. Ortega with its Distinguished Service Award on June 23, 2011;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Bogota, Colombia, Herbert Hernando
6 Ortega has lived mostly in the United States since the age of nine,
7 spending his formative years in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and becoming a
8 U.S. citizen in 1957; he served in the Ohio National Guard until
9 being honorably discharged in 1959, and he earned degrees in the
10 social sciences, economics, public administration, political
11 science, and medicine; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Ortega's career has included resident
13 assignments in New York, Ohio, Tennessee, Washington, D.C., and
14 Central America; during a one-year assignment in El Paso to assess
15 health program opportunities for the Pan American Health
16 Organization, a division of the World Health Organization, he
17 decided to make the city his home; he became the chief of a field
18 office of PAHO and the executive director of the United
19 States-Mexico Border Health Commission, working to integrate
20 health care approaches among different levels of government and
21 engaging the private sector to provide support; and

22 WHEREAS, The many noteworthy initiatives Dr. Ortega has
23 overseen during his career include projects addressing neonatal and
24 child care, rabies, tuberculosis, cleft lip and palate, and HIV and

1 AIDS; he has worked with numerous institutions and groups, such as
2 the Health Officers Association of California, the Carnegie
3 Corporation, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, The
4 University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and the Pew
5 Charitable Trusts, among others; he is now the CEO of InterAmerica
6 Management of Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Ortega has lectured extensively on economic,
8 political, social, and health conditions affecting the United
9 States and Mexico; moreover, he has been a chief researcher on a
10 number of studies and a member of many task forces, and he taught
11 health care administration and the history of economic thought at
12 New Mexico State University for a dozen years; his accomplishments
13 have been recognized with resolutions from the Texas Department of
14 State Health Services, the California Legislature, and government
15 officials from the United States and Mexico; in addition, he
16 received an award from the Visiting Nurse Association of El Paso;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, An active member of Rotary International, Dr. Ortega
19 has traveled to Colombia and Central America in behalf of the
20 organization and was instrumental in promoting its involvement in
21 efforts to eradicate polio worldwide; he currently serves as the
22 president of the Rotary Club of El Paso; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Herbert H. Ortega is a dedicated leader whose
24 commitment to his profession and to public health has made a
25 positive difference in the lives of many people in the United
26 States, Mexico, and around the world, and he is most deserving of
27 this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Herbert
3 H. Ortega on his receipt of the 2011 Distinguished Service Award
4 from the Rotary Club of El Paso and extend to him sincere best
5 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Dr. Ortega as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 255 was adopted by the House on June 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House