

By: Martinez Fischer

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The retirement of Erwin J. De Luna of San Antonio
2 from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission on March 31,
3 2011, draws to a close 21 years of distinguished service with the
4 State of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, During his tenure with the commission, Mr. De Luna
6 has helped to administer a number of programs that contribute to the
7 health and well-being of Texas residents; he joined the Texas
8 Department of Human Resources as a Medicaid eligibility specialist
9 on March 5, 1990, and in 1994, he was promoted to the post of
10 supervisor with the Long Term Care Program of the Texas Department
11 of Human Services; while in that role, he assisted in the creation
12 of the Long Term Care Certification and Screener Unit and served on
13 the Medicaid Eligibility Technical Advisory Committee; Mr. De Luna
14 is retiring as a fair hearings officer with the legal services
15 division of the Health and Human Services Commission, a position he
16 has held since 2005; and

17 WHEREAS, Erwin De Luna is of Navajo and Taos Pueblo ancestry,
18 and he has worked hard to preserve the heritage and traditions of
19 Native Americans; he serves as president of the board of directors
20 for the United San Antonio Pow Wow, which holds a featured event at
21 Fiesta San Antonio, and he is a charter member of the National
22 Museum of the American Indian, as well as a member of the Texas
23 Indian Hobbyist Association; moreover, he has served on numerous
24 community panels regarding American Indian issues, and he has sat

1 on the boards of the San Antonio Council of Native Americans and the
2 Intertribal Council of American Indians; and

3 WHEREAS, A model of civic engagement, Mr. De Luna serves on
4 the board of directors for the Fiesta San Antonio Commission and the
5 Fiesta Flambeau Parade Association and holds membership in the San
6 Antonio Conservation Society; in addition, he works as a mentor to
7 young people, volunteering his time with the Boys and Girls Clubs of
8 San Antonio and with the Alamo Area Council of the Boy Scouts of
9 America; a life member of the National Eagle Scout Association, he
10 has received many awards for his efforts in behalf of the Boy
11 Scouts, including the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver
12 Award, the Scoutmaster Award of Merit, and the St. George Emblem;
13 among his other honors is the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal,
14 which he received in 2003 in recognition of his contributions to the
15 U.S. Army; and

16 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. De Luna enjoys the love
17 and support of Rose Mary De Luna, his wife of 40 years; they have
18 been blessed with two daughters, Katherine and Patricia, as well as
19 five grandchildren, Stephanie, Allison, Andrew, Matthew, and
20 Madison; and

21 WHEREAS, Erwin De Luna's dedication, professionalism, and
22 commitment to excellence have greatly benefited the citizens of our
23 state, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent
24 as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; now,
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
27 Legislature hereby congratulate Erwin J. De Luna on the occasion of

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1 his retirement from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission
2 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness and
3 fulfillment; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Mr. De Luna as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives.