

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 73rd birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly  
2 cause for celebration, and Jose Ramirez Castilleja of McAllen  
3 reached that notable milestone in his life on March 13, 2011; and

4           WHEREAS, The eldest of 10 children born to Santos and  
5 Marcelina Ramirez Castilleja, Joe Castilleja graduated from  
6 Edinburg High School in 1958; he subsequently joined his father in  
7 the agricultural business, working as a foreman as they picked  
8 oranges and other crops throughout the Rio Grande Valley and East  
9 Texas; and

10           WHEREAS, In 1961, Mr. Castilleja married his high school  
11 sweetheart, Dominga Pardo; that same year, he was drafted by the  
12 United States Army and was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, until  
13 1963; he settled in McAllen after concluding his military service  
14 and attended Pan American College; he then sold insurance for First  
15 Security before getting his real estate license and starting his  
16 own business, Pan American Realty, which he ran for 15 years; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Castilleja became a rural route carrier for the  
18 United States Postal Service in the 1970s and continued in that job  
19 for 27 years before retiring in 2003; and

20           WHEREAS, A parishioner at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic  
21 Church, he is also a member of the American Legion and the Veterans  
22 of Foreign Wars; he takes great enjoyment in spending time with his  
23 family, which today includes 5 children and 10 grandchildren; and

24           WHEREAS, Joe Castilleja is a source of wisdom and inspiration

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1 to all those who are privileged to know him, and it is a pleasure to  
2 recognize him on 73 years of life well lived; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
4 Legislature hereby honor Jose Ramirez Castilleja on his 73rd  
5 birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and,  
6 be it further

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

Gonzales of Hidalgo

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1526 was adopted by the House on May 5, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House