

By: Gallego

H.R. No. 1671

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Roberto "Bobby" Barrera of Del Rio was elected chair
2 of the board of directors of the Disabled American Veterans at the
3 organization's 2010 national convention; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Barrera formerly was national commander of the
5 DAV, which is a 1.2 million-member organization dedicated to
6 building better lives for America's disabled veterans and their
7 families; a disabled veteran himself, he sustained combat wounds
8 that included serious facial burns and the loss of his right hand
9 and left arm during the Vietnam War; and

10 WHEREAS, After his military service, Mr. Barrera earned a
11 bachelor's degree in psychology from St. Mary's University and a
12 master's degree in guidance and counseling at Sul Ross State
13 University; he was a member of the faculty of Del Rio High School, a
14 juvenile probation counselor, and director of the family support
15 center at Laughlin Air Force Base; today, he conducts motivational
16 presentations for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; and

17 WHEREAS, Honored for his many accomplishments, this esteemed
18 Texan earned the Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, and
19 Vietnam Service Medal; in addition, he is the recipient of the 1998
20 Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year award from the DAV, the
21 1997 Outstanding Employee with a Disability Award from the U.S.
22 Department of Defense, and the State of Texas Disabled Veteran of
23 the Year Award in 1990 and 1998; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Barrera is devoted to his wife, Maricelia, and

1 his three children and four grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, Bobby Barrera is a strong and inspiring advocate for
3 our nation's military personnel and veterans, and it is a pleasure
4 to honor him for his exceptional service in their behalf; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend Roberto Barrera, chair of the Disabled
8 American Veterans, and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
9 future; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Mr. Barrera as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.