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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Veteran peace officer Rolando Castaneda was sworn in
2 as the new chief of the Edinburg Police Department on May 2, 2011;
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4 WHEREAS, A native of Laredo, Chief Castaneda graduated from
5 Tuloso Midway High School in Corpus Christi; answering his nation's
6 call to duty, he served as a military police officer and
7 intelligence analyst in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1974 to 1976; and

8 WHEREAS, Chief Castaneda began his law enforcement career in
9 1978 as a member of the Texas Highway Patrol in Rio Grande City; he
10 then served in Bishop as a Department of Public Safety trooper, and
11 from 1981 to 1992, he was a trooper in Port Isabel, where he served
12 with the specialized narcotics service unit as a sergeant and an
13 investigator; along the way, he earned his bachelor's degree in
14 criminal justice from Pan American University at Brownsville; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1995, Chief Castaneda joined the Texas Rangers
16 Division at the rank of sergeant and in 2008, he earned promotion to
17 lieutenant; in addition, he served as the division's chief hostage
18 negotiator; among the many areas in which he has gained experience
19 over the years are traffic law, criminal law, crime scene search and
20 evidence collection, SWAT training, and interrogation techniques,
21 and he is a licensed master peace officer; and

22 WHEREAS, Chief Castaneda's 30 years in the field, combined
23 with his considerable expertise and reputation for dedication and
24 integrity, promise to greatly benefit the citizens of Edinburg, and

1 it is indeed fitting to honor him as he embarks on this exciting new
2 chapter of his career; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Rolando Castaneda on his
5 appointment as the chief of the Edinburg Police Department and
6 extend to him sincere best wishes for success as he undertakes this
7 vital role; and, be it further

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