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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Joe San Miguel is retiring as publisher of the *Del*  
2 *Rio News-Herald* on June 1, 2011, drawing to a close a notable career  
3 in the newspaper business that has spanned nearly half a century;  
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5           WHEREAS, A native of Zaragoza, Coahuila, Mexico, Mr. San  
6 Miguel moved to Del Rio with his family at the age of nine; he went  
7 to work for the *News-Herald* in 1962, while still attending Del Rio  
8 High School; starting as an errand boy and mechanic in the  
9 pressroom, he learned to operate the paper's presses and soon  
10 became a pressman; and

11           WHEREAS, After graduating from high school in 1965 and  
12 earning U.S. citizenship, Mr. San Miguel served in the U.S. Army  
13 with an artillery unit in Colorado; he subsequently returned to Del  
14 Rio and began his newspaper career in earnest, gaining hands-on  
15 experience in every aspect of the business; he delivered papers,  
16 sold advertising, worked in the mailroom, and was eventually  
17 promoted to circulation manager; and

18           WHEREAS, This esteemed professional was named as the  
19 *News-Herald's* first Hispanic publisher in 1989, and he has since  
20 overseen its publication under several different owners; his  
21 enthusiasm for the paper and his varied experience there have  
22 inspired many of his staff to take on new tasks and diversify their  
23 skills; even in retirement, Mr. San Miguel will continue to  
24 contribute to the paper as a consultant to the new publisher; and

1           WHEREAS, Through the years, he has enjoyed the love and  
2 support of his family, including his wife, Conchita, his daughter,  
3 Sandra, his son-in-law, Jon, and his grandson, Cayden; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. San Miguel's dedication, professionalism, and  
5 commitment to excellence have contributed greatly to the success of  
6 the *Del Rio News-Herald*, earning him the respect and affection of  
7 its staff and readers alike, and he may indeed reflect with pride on  
8 his accomplishments as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of  
9 his life; now, therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Joe San Miguel on his retirement as  
12 publisher of the *Del Rio News-Herald* and extend to him sincere best  
13 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

14           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Mr. San Miguel as an expression of high regard by the  
16 Texas House of Representatives.