

By: Gallego

H.R. No. 2620

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Jose A. Aranda, Jr., served with great  
2 distinction as Maverick County judge from 2003-2010; and

3           WHEREAS, During his tenure, "Pepe" Aranda worked closely with  
4 members of the commissioners court and state and federal officials  
5 on a number of important initiatives, including the establishment  
6 of a new water plant and distribution system for the northern parts  
7 of the county; the construction of a 650-bed detention center  
8 created 180 new jobs, and millions of dollars in state funding were  
9 secured for colonia paving projects; moreover, Mr. Aranda led  
10 emergency management recovery efforts after a tornado destroyed  
11 more than 300 homes; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Aranda began his career in public service in  
13 1998 as mayor of Eagle Pass, serving from 1998 to 2002; over the  
14 course of his four years in that office, he guided the effort to  
15 build a \$103 million regional potable and waste water system, and he  
16 secured funding for the construction of a new 43,000-square-foot  
17 convention center and assisted in its design; he also initiated  
18 Leadership Eagle Pass, oversaw the completion of the second  
19 International Bridge, and promoted business development that  
20 brought thousands of jobs to the community; and

21           WHEREAS, A graduate of Sul Ross University, Mr. Aranda earned  
22 his bachelor's degree in business administration; he worked for HEB  
23 for 20 years before shifting to the dairy business as an  
24 owner/operator with Borden in 1993; in addition, he enjoyed success

1 as the proprietor of Villarreal Chicharrones; and

2           WHEREAS, Since leaving office, Mr. Aranda has served as  
3 special projects coordinator for the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of  
4 Texas, and he is a board member of the tribe's Housing Authority,  
5 Kickapoo Empire, L.L.C., and Kickapoo Community Development  
6 Corporation; through the years, he has also served as a member of  
7 the State Community Development Review Committee, as a board member  
8 of the Texas Political Subdivisions Insurance Pool, as a voting  
9 member of the Region M Rio Grande Water Planning Group, and in a  
10 number of other leadership roles; and

11           WHEREAS, Pepe Aranda has made a lasting, positive difference  
12 in Maverick County, and he may indeed take pride in his many  
13 noteworthy contributions as county judge; now, therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
15 Legislature hereby honor Jose A. "Pepe" Aranda, Jr., for his  
16 service as Maverick County judge and extend to him sincere best  
17 wishes for the future; and, be it further

18           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Mr. Aranda as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
20 House of Representatives.