

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 759

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Joe G. Rivera and Aurora De La Garza on the occasion of the dedication of the Joe G. Rivera Aurora De La Garza Cameron County Building; and

WHEREAS, The San Benito Annex Building is being renamed in honor of these two people who have contributed significantly through their work to Cameron County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Joe Rivera has served the residents of Cameron County for over 30 years in the position of county clerk; he is responsible for filings of official records, such as real estate deeds, business names, vital statistics, military discharge papers, and hundreds of other types of documentation; his primary responsibility is to support the three county courts at law and to serve as the administrator of staff, records, and fees collections for civil, probate, and criminal cases; the county clerk is also clerk of the commissioners court; and

WHEREAS, Joe is currently chairman of the Cameron County Bail Bond Board; he is a leader in the community who is active in several organizations, including serving as a member of the Jaycees and Knights of Columbus, as president of the Mr. Amigo Association, and as president of United Way of Southern Cameron County; he has received numerous awards for his outstanding professional and community service, and he has repeatedly been named Volunteer of the Year by United Way of Southern Cameron County; and

WHEREAS, Aurora De La Garza has served as Cameron County's district clerk for over 30 years; she is an active member of the County and District Clerks Association of Texas and has served on its board of directors; she has also hosted numerous regional and state conferences for the association; throughout her career, she has earned a number of certificates and awards, including the title of District Clerk of the Year for the State of Texas in 1998; she provides excellent service to the public and is an advocate for children through her Child Support Division and Jury Donation Forms; due to her initiatives, clerks throughout Texas are mandated to give jurors the choice to donate their juror reimbursement to local charities; and

WHEREAS, A well-known community leader, she is a former den mother and was the 2009 recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America; she has been an active participant in many organizations, including Niños Head Start, Zonta Club, Rotary Club, and the Mr. Amigo Association; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Joe G. Rivera and Aurora De La Garza on their outstanding leadership and exceptional accomplishments on behalf of Cameron County and extend to them congratulations on the dedication of the Joe G. Rivera Aurora De La Garza Cameron County Building; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Joe Rivera and Aurora De La Garza as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 13, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate