

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1017

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Captain Enrique Espinoza, Jr., who is retiring after more than three decades of exemplary service with the Texas Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, Enrique Espinoza, Jr., was born in Holland, Michigan, to Enrique Espinoza, Sr., and Rebecca Espinoza; his parents were migrant workers, and they instilled in Enrique and his four sisters the value of hard work and strong moral principles; Enrique married Norma Lee Delgado in 1980, and they have raised four sons, who are now all well on their way to advanced degrees and professional careers; and

WHEREAS, Following his 1977 graduation from the Texas Department of Public Safety Training Academy, Captain Espinoza began his career as a trooper in the driver license service in San Antonio; in 1982, he was assigned to the narcotics service in McAllen and began a long and productive period in which he played a vital role in working to eliminate numerous drug trafficking organizations; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, he has been noted for his superior skills and expertise; as part of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration's Task Force Vaquero, he helped dismantle several drug trafficking organizations in Starr County and in Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, Talented and resourceful, he has handled his many responsibilities with exceptional efficiency and dedication; he has for nearly 15 years served as a field district captain in McAllen; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary peace officer, Captain Espinoza is respected and admired by his colleagues, and his presence at the Texas Department of Public Safety will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Captain Enrique Espinoza, Jr., for his outstanding service to the people of Texas with the Texas Department of Public Safety and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard 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 May 17, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate