

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1226

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Rudy Villarreal, who is retiring as mayor after 32 years of exceptional public service to the people of Alamo; and

**WHEREAS**, A native of Alamo, Mayor Villarreal attended schools in the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District and earned varsity letters in football and track; he married Oralia Torres Villarreal in 1956, and together, the couple raised eight children; and

**WHEREAS**, He served with honor and distinction for 23 years in the United States Navy, serving during both the Korean War and the Vietnam War; he earned numerous citations and medals during his military service, including the Korean Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, Following his military service, he returned to his hometown to begin a career in public service; he was first appointed to the Alamo Housing Authority and then to the Planning and Zoning Commission before gaining elective office as mayor in 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, He served as mayor until 1991, and he also served as city manager; he was elected as a city commissioner in 1992, and in 1995 he was reelected as mayor; he has fulfilled the duties of that office with honor and distinction since that time; and

**WHEREAS**, During his tenure as a city leader, Alamo's population has more than tripled, and he played an important role in bringing a wide array of businesses to the city and in taking the city's budget from a deficit to a sizeable surplus; his efforts have been invaluable in making Alamo an exceptional place in which to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Rudy Villarreal on his outstanding service to the people of Alamo 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 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 May 27, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate