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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ruben Saenz of Rio Grande City retired as
2 administrator of South Texas College Starr County Campus in January
3 2013, concluding an outstanding career in education that spanned
4 more than half a century; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of Pan American University and Texas A&I
6 University, Mr. Saenz holds a bachelor's degree in health and
7 physical education and a master's degree in school administration;
8 he worked as a teacher in the Rio Grande City Consolidated
9 Independent School District for a decade before going on to serve as
10 a principal for more than 20 years, including a long tenure at Rio
11 Grande City High School; he was named superintendent of the
12 district in the early 1990s, gaining valuable experience that he
13 brought to his position as STC Starr County Campus administrator in
14 1996; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Saenz contributed to his profession in numerous
16 ways, most recently as chair of the Texas Retired Teachers
17 Association District 1 Legislative Committee; moreover, he has been
18 affiliated with the Texas Association of School Boards, the
19 National Association of School Administrators, and the Texas
20 Association of Secondary School Principals, which he served as
21 president during the 1982-1983 academic year; and

22 WHEREAS, Dedicated to the betterment of his community as
23 well, this esteemed gentleman has been a member of the local Lions
24 Club for 53 years; he has also distinguished himself as a member and

1 a past worshipful master of Hope Lodge No. 471 and as chair of the
2 Starr County Fair Association Scholarship Committee; and

3 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Saenz enjoys the love
4 and support of his wife, Olga, a retired teacher, and their sons,
5 Ruben and Ricardo, and his life is further enriched by seven
6 grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, Ruben Saenz demonstrated an exceptional commitment
8 to South Texas College and Rio Grande City CISD, and his
9 accomplishments have benefited generations of area Texans; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
12 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Ruben Saenz on
13 his retirement as administrator of South Texas College Starr County
14 Campus and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be
15 it further

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