

By: Canales

H.C.R. No. 105

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Noe Gonzalez has rendered outstanding  
2 service as judge of the 370th District Court in Hidalgo County, and  
3 he has further benefited his fellow citizens through his longtime  
4 engagement in the civic life of the community; and

5           WHEREAS, A graduate of St. Mary's University and the  
6 University of Houston Law Center, Judge Gonzalez was admitted to  
7 the bar in 1986; just eight years later, he won election to the  
8 bench in the 370th District Court, becoming one of the youngest  
9 individuals in the county's history to hold that position; he has  
10 since been reelected to four subsequent terms, and he has been  
11 selected by fellow members of the Hidalgo County Board of Judges to  
12 serve as local presiding administrative judge, charged with  
13 overseeing the administration of district courts in the county; and

14           WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan has worked diligently to make the  
15 judicial system more efficient and responsive, securing state and  
16 federal grants to improve operations and facilitating the creation  
17 of two auxiliary courts, two additional district courts, an  
18 additional county court-at-law, a child protection court, and a  
19 juvenile justice court; with the assistance of the board, he has  
20 made the disposition and reporting of criminal cases more accurate  
21 and expeditious through the Differentiated Case Management  
22 Project; Judge Gonzalez has also provided oversight of the county  
23 Community Supervision and Corrections Department, Hidalgo County  
24 Boot Camp, Hidalgo County Restitution Center, Juvenile Justice

1 Court, and Criminal Auxiliary Courts; and

2 WHEREAS, Highly regarded for his leadership in professional  
3 organizations, Judge Gonzalez currently serves as president-elect  
4 of the Hidalgo County Bar Association, and he is a member of the  
5 board of the Hidalgo County Bar Foundation; he further gives of his  
6 time and expertise to the State Bar of Texas as a speaker at  
7 Continuing Legal Education seminars and as a member of both the  
8 Committee for the Representation of Death Row Inmates and the Death  
9 Penalty Litigation Committee; his work on legislation addressing  
10 the representation of indigent defendants has earned him  
11 recognition from the judicial section of the state bar; and

12 WHEREAS, Judge Gonzalez has demonstrated a deep commitment to  
13 the young people of his community through his involvement in such  
14 organizations as Court Appointed Special Advocates, the Valley  
15 Alliance of Mentors for Opportunities and Scholarships, and the  
16 Hispanic Scholarship Fund, as well as in a variety of worthy  
17 programs, including the Read Across America initiative of the  
18 National Education Association, the Mock Trial program of the  
19 Region One Education Center, and the Lorenzo de Zavala Youth  
20 Legislative Session, sponsored by the National Hispanic Institute;  
21 in addition, he is a coach and sponsor for children's soccer,  
22 T-ball, and basketball; and

23 WHEREAS, The proud father of four sons, Lee Israel, Noe  
24 Andres, Luis Maurilio, and Tomas Jesus, Judge Gonzalez is a  
25 lifelong member of Holy Family Catholic Church and is currently an  
26 active member of Sacred Heart Church; and

27 WHEREAS, Noe Gonzalez has set a sterling example for others

1 through his professional and civic endeavors, and it is indeed  
2 fitting to recognize him at this time; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas  
4 hereby honor Judge Noe Gonzalez for his professional  
5 accomplishments and contributions to his community and extend to  
6 him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

7       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for Judge Gonzalez as an expression of high regard by the  
9 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.