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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Longtime baseball coach and educator Hector Salinas
2 received well-deserved recognition when he was inducted into the
3 Texas A&M University--Kingsville Javelina Athletic Hall of Fame in
4 February 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Salinas was instrumental in creating the Texas
6 A&M--Kingsville baseball program, and he was named the team's first
7 head coach in 1993; his ball clubs had a winning record in each of
8 the six seasons he was at the helm, and his teams claimed two Lone
9 Star Conference championships; the first came in 1995, the same
10 year he was named LSC Coach of the Year, and his players won the
11 title again in 1998 and became the first Javelina team to go to the
12 NCAA Division II playoffs; skilled at developing young talent, he
13 guided 25 first team All-Conference players, 6 LSC Players of the
14 Year, and 2 NCAA Division II All-Americans during his tenure at the
15 university; and

16 WHEREAS, The success Coach Salinas enjoyed with the Javelinas
17 was built on his extensive baseball experience; a superb athlete in
18 his own right, he played for Corpus Christi High School and then
19 became an All-American at The University of Texas--Pan American; he
20 began his career in education in 1968 at Tom Browne Middle School in
21 Corpus Christi and went on to teach classes and coach baseball at
22 Miller High School, Moody High School, Texas Southmost College, and
23 Laredo Junior College before joining Texas A&M
24 University--Kingsville; and

1 WHEREAS, After concluding his service with the Javelinas, he
2 spent seven years as the head coach at Texas A&M University--Corpus
3 Christi and was once again responsible for building a program from
4 the ground up, just as he had done at Laredo Junior College and
5 Texas A&M--Kingsville; he now teaches at Richard Milburn Academy in
6 Corpus Christi and is assistant secretary of the board of trustees
7 of the Corpus Christi Independent School District; and

8 WHEREAS, This esteemed coach has received numerous awards for
9 his contributions to Texas athletics; he was inducted into the Leo
10 Najo Sports Hall of Fame in 1980, the Moody High School Hall of Fame
11 in 2000, and the Rio Grande Valley Sports Hall of Fame in 2010; and

12 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Coach Salinas enjoys the love
13 and support of his wife, Thelma Salinas; the couple raised five
14 children, Hilda, Orlando, Trey, Paula, and Brenda, and over the
15 years, their family has grown to include nine grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, Hector Salinas has helped countless athletes to
17 succeed both on and off the ball field, and his outstanding work at
18 Texas A&M--Kingsville has ensured that generations of young men
19 will benefit from the valuable lessons they can learn as members of
20 the Javelina baseball program; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Hector Salinas on his induction
23 into the Texas A&M University--Kingsville Javelina Athletic Hall of
24 Fame and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be
25 it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for Coach Salinas as an expression of high regard by the

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1 Texas House of Representatives.