

By: Menendez

H.R. No. 2457

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Nick Monreal has worked tirelessly to secure the  
2 safety and well-being of senior citizens and persons with mental  
3 and physical impairments; and

4 WHEREAS, Since lending his support to the field of victim  
5 advocacy in 2000, Mr. Monreal has helped protect those who may be  
6 susceptible to crimes of abuse, neglect, and financial  
7 exploitation; he has been a catalyst for the reform of the  
8 previously unregulated boarding home industry, and during the 80th  
9 and 81st Texas Legislative Sessions, he played a crucial part in the  
10 development of two major pieces of legislation affecting boarding  
11 facilities; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Monreal's commitment to this important endeavor  
13 is further reflected in his 10-year tenure as chair of the Bexar  
14 County Assisted Living Facilities Task Force as well as in his role  
15 as a consultant for the state-commissioned Report on Texas Boarding  
16 Houses; he has served for 14 years as managing local ombudsman for  
17 the Alamo Area Council of Governments' Bexar Area Agency on Aging,  
18 where he oversees the investigation and resolution of complaints  
19 regarding 61 nursing homes and 138 assisted living facilities; for  
20 his achievements in that post, he won recognition from the National  
21 Association of Area Agencies on Aging; and

22 WHEREAS, This distinguished Texan's background additionally  
23 includes 30 years of work in behalf of comprehensive school reform  
24 demonstration projects funded by the Texas Education Agency; a

1 recipient of the Community Partner Award from Goodwill Industries,  
2 he has served on the Goodwill Industries Alliance Council and  
3 provided technical assistance in creating four Good Careers Academy  
4 campuses, which specialize in offering affordable, short-term  
5 certification career programs; moreover, he is the founder of Teach  
6 the Children, a charity that furnishes clothing and school supplies  
7 for young Texans in need; and

8 WHEREAS, Nick Monreal has dedicated his life to ensuring that  
9 the most vulnerable among us are treated with the care and dignity  
10 to which all citizens are entitled, and he is deserving of the  
11 utmost respect and admiration for his many vital contributions to  
12 this cause; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
14 Legislature hereby commend Nick Monreal for the positive and  
15 lasting impact that he has made in countless lives and extend to him  
16 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it  
17 further

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