

By: Longoria

H.R. No. 2696

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Manuel Dominguez of La Feria has distinguished
2 himself as a pillar of his community; and

3 WHEREAS, Born in 1933 in Relampago, Mr. Dominguez traces his
4 roots in Hidalgo County back for generations; one of his
5 grandfathers was a Hidalgo County constable, and his
6 great-grandfather was a county commissioner; while growing up, Mr.
7 Dominguez helped out on his family's farm and ranch, and he later
8 coordinated and managed crews that worked on farms and in the
9 packing sheds; he met his wife, the former Olga Gonzalez, while
10 working in West Texas, and the couple married in 1960; they soon
11 moved to La Feria, where they raised their 10 children; Manuel and
12 Olga Dominguez have consistently emphasized the importance of
13 education, and they take pride in their children's educational
14 achievements, which include 10 bachelor's degrees, 5 master's
15 degrees, and a law degree; Noemi Dominguez Elementary School in La
16 Feria is named for their late daughter, who became an elementary
17 school teacher; and

18 WHEREAS, In honor of a second child, Adrian, who had spina
19 bifida, Mr. Dominguez founded the Adrian Dominguez Memorial
20 Scholarship 5K Road Race and 1 Mile Walk in 1996; now the
21 longest-established five kilometer race in the Rio Grande Valley,
22 the event benefits the Los Diez Education Foundation, which awards
23 scholarships to area students; so far, 54 students have received a
24 collective total of more than \$20,000 to pursue higher education;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, For his notable community service, Mr. Dominguez is
3 being presented the key to La Feria by the members of the city
4 council; at the age of nearly 80, this esteemed Texan still works
5 full-time; he is a valued member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic
6 Church and a charter member of the local chapter of the Knights of
7 Columbus; and

8 WHEREAS, Manuel Dominguez has set an outstanding example of
9 public-spirited engagement, and in so doing, he has earned the
10 respect and admiration of many fellow citizens; now, therefore, be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize Manuel Dominguez for his significant
14 contributions to his community and extend to him deep appreciation
15 for his charitable endeavors; and, be it further

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