

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 390

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in acknowledging Gustavo "Gus" Barrera, who is retiring as volunteer executive director of the Falfurrias Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, For the past 35 years, Gus has served as a tireless public servant and champion of economic growth and opportunity in Falfurrias; throughout his tenure, he has promoted expansion of the town's traditional industries of cattle, oil, and agriculture to include a focus on the retail and service industries; and

WHEREAS, His efforts have resulted in grants, utility incentives, and revenue bonds that have brought in such businesses as grocery stores, discount retailers, hotels, and an apparel factory; and

WHEREAS, Often seen sporting a white cowboy hat, this diligent chamber of commerce leader has also pushed for more family-oriented community events, such as bicycle giveaways and Easter egg hunts; and

WHEREAS, Gus has a long, honorable record of serving his country and community; a retired 21-year Air Force veteran, a former Brooks County commissioner, and a former administrative assistant to Texas Senator Carlos F. Truan, Gus has been fondly called a one-man army by his admirers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Gustavo Barrera on his legacy of public service and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Hinojosa

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 4, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate