

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 897

WHEREAS, Marcus C. Barrera is concluding his notable 12-year tenure as a member of the McAllen City Commission on May 11, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Raised in McAllen, Mr. Barrera graduated from McAllen Memorial High School in 1984 and from Baylor University in 1989; five years later, he earned both a law degree and a master's degree in business administration and then started his own firm in McAllen in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Elected to the McAllen City Commission in 2001, Commissioner Barrera has served as the District 2 representative and held the position of mayor pro tempore from 2007 to 2009; in addition, he has presided over the McAllen Development Corporation, chaired the audit and investment committee, held a seat on the Anzalduas Bridge Board, and contributed to many other boards and committees; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Barrera has helped guide the construction of the Anzalduas International Bridge and a new police station and police substation, convention center, fire station, fire training facility, public library, and numerous other projects; he has promoted financial stability and the sound stewardship of public funds; and

WHEREAS, Seeking to encourage beautification efforts and increase parkland and recreational opportunities, Commissioner Barrera helped to develop programs to realize these goals, and McAllen now boasts a newly renovated Bill Schupp Park and a soccer park is under construction; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Barrera has made important and lasting contributions to the City of McAllen, and he can indeed take pride in his myriad accomplishments as he looks forward to the next exciting chapter in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby honor Marcus C. Barrera on the occasion of his retirement from the McAllen City Commission and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Barrera as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

Hinojosa

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 14, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate