

By: Guillen

H.R. No. 432

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Ruben Saenz of Rio Grande City has rendered  
2 exceptional service to area residents as an administrator for the  
3 Rio Grande City Consolidated Independent School District and for  
4 South Texas College; and

5           WHEREAS, Raised in San Isidro, Mr. Saenz graduated from San  
6 Isidro High School in 1955 and subsequently enlisted in the  
7 U.S. Air Force; he completed his military service and went on to  
8 earn a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Pan  
9 American University and a master's degree in school administration  
10 from Texas A&I University; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Saenz began his notable career as an educator in  
12 1960 as a teacher and coach for the Rio Grande City CISD; he was  
13 named principal of Rio Grande City Elementary School in 1969, and he  
14 later served as principal of Rio Grande City High School for 17  
15 years before holding the same position at Brown Middle School in  
16 McAllen; he was appointed superintendent of Rio Grande City schools  
17 in 1992, and in that role he fostered a supportive and challenging  
18 educational environment for all the children in the district; he  
19 subsequently drew on his wealth of administrative experience as a  
20 dean at the South Texas College Starr County Campus, a position he  
21 held for several years until his retirement in 2013; and

22           WHEREAS, Active in a number of professional organizations,  
23 Mr. Saenz served as president of the Rio Grande City CISD Classroom  
24 Teachers Association, where he helped to secure teacher contracts

1 and to establish the health insurance program for district  
2 employees; he has also served as the first Hispanic president of the  
3 Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, and he has  
4 chaired the Texas School Administrators Council; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Saenz is a valued and longtime congregant of  
6 First United Methodist Church in Rio Grande City; he has been a  
7 member of the local Lions Club for more than a half-century, and he  
8 previously served as a baseball coach for the Rio Grande City Little  
9 League; in addition, he has distinguished himself as chair of the  
10 Starr County Fair Association Scholarship Committee and as a member  
11 and past worshipful master of Hope Lodge No. 471; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Saenz has made immeasurable contributions to  
13 the Rio Grande City CISD, South Texas College, and his community as  
14 a whole, and he may take justifiable pride in his many important  
15 achievements; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby commend Ruben Saenz for the outstanding  
18 leadership he has provided to the Rio Grande City Consolidated  
19 Independent School District and South Texas College and extend to  
20 him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for Mr. Saenz as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
23 House of Representatives.