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H.R. No. 1285

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jose Benito Canales, a longtime justice of the peace
2 in Duval County and an engaged citizen, has made meaningful
3 contributions to his community over the course of many decades; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Antonio and Carolina Canales, Jose
5 Canales was born in Oilton on April 3, 1930; his family moved to
6 Freer when he was 10, and he graduated from Freer High School in
7 1950; and

8 WHEREAS, Immediately after finishing school, Mr. Canales
9 joined the United States Army; he was stationed in Munich, Germany,
10 where his duties included handling bookkeeping and requisitions and
11 helping to guard against attempts to tamper with or dismantle the
12 Nazi concentration camps; and

13 WHEREAS, After returning home in 1955, Mr. Canales exchanged
14 wedding vows with the former Barbara Vera; they became the proud
15 parents of three children, Ricardo, Carolina, and Corina, and later
16 welcomed a second generation into their treasured family; the
17 couple shared a fulfilling relationship of almost 60 years before
18 Mrs. Canales's passing on March 27, 2014; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Canales worked for a while as a route salesman
20 and as a bus driver for the Freer Independent School District; in
21 1984, he was appointed justice of the peace, and he subsequently won
22 election to the post, which he would hold for 32 years; during that
23 time he also served in a number of political roles, including that
24 of precinct chair; in addition, he was a founder of the Jimmy Hicks

1 VFW Post, and he was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church;
2 since moving to Corpus Christi, he has continued to be involved in
3 his community; and

4 WHEREAS, Through his myriad contributions in the public
5 realm, Jose B. Canales has earned the respect and admiration of his
6 fellow citizens, and it is indeed a privilege to recognize him at
7 this time; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor Jose B. Canales for his outstanding civil
10 leadership and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;
11 and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Canales as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.