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H.R. No. 1488

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Carlos Villarreal retired as the city manager of
2 Laredo in January 2015, drawing to a close more than four decades of
3 outstanding service to his community; and

4 WHEREAS, A 1968 graduate of Texas A&M University,
5 Mr. Villarreal served his county as a sergeant in the United States
6 Marine Corps before embarking on his successful career in municipal
7 government; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Villarreal was appointed to the position of city
9 manager in 2007, and his leadership throughout the ensuing years
10 was instrumental in the community's growth and progress; he played
11 a vital role in the completion of numerous civic projects,
12 including the construction of new parks, libraries, and water
13 treatment facilities, upgrades to the Laredo Bridge System,
14 improvements to the airport, and the establishment of the nation's
15 only U.S.-Mexican air customs inspection facility; the
16 longest-tenured manager in Laredo's history, he increased the
17 city's fund balance by nearly 100 percent and was able to expand
18 police, emergency, and fire protection personnel while maintaining
19 current levels of property taxes through sound policies and fiscal
20 responsibility; and

21 WHEREAS, Laredo was named the recipient of both the
22 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and the Distinguished
23 Accounting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association
24 for each of the eight years Mr. Villarreal was in his post, and he

1 helped the city earn and maintain a strong AA bond rating; and

2 WHEREAS, Through his skill, vision, and sustained commitment
3 to excellence, Carlos Villarreal has made contributions that will
4 benefit area residents for many years to come, and he is indeed
5 deserving of special recognition as he embarks on the next exciting
6 chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Carlos Villarreal on his
9 outstanding tenure as city manager of Laredo and extend to him
10 sincere best wishes for a very happy and rewarding retirement; and,
11 be it further

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