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H.R. No. 1558

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Javier Loera has served the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
2 with distinction as war captain since December 31, 2008; and

3 WHEREAS, In his role as war captain, one of two traditional
4 lifetime positions with the tribal council, Mr. Loera has oversight
5 of planning for days of observance and hunts, as well as all other
6 traditional activities; he is acknowledged as a spiritual leader,
7 and he has taken a lead role in the restoration of the Pueblo's
8 language, Tigua; in addition, he is guiding the construction of a
9 traditional kiva; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Loera served on the council as first captain
11 from 2002-2008; he is employed by the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo as the
12 tribal historic preservation officer, and he works diligently to
13 promote and protect cultural resources and manage all related
14 matters; in addition, he consults with federal and state agencies
15 regarding historic preservation and cultural resources;
16 previously, he managed the Tigua Indian Cultural Center and Museum;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, In his leisure, Mr. Loera devotes himself to
19 traditional arts, and he creates pottery and beadwork; moreover, he
20 was a key participant in a group that produced vibrant murals of
21 Tiguana imagery in the tribe's ceremonial building, the Tuh-Lah, and
22 the Ysleta Mission; and

23 WHEREAS, Javier Loera has demonstrated a deep commitment to
24 preserving the Tigua way of life, and his endeavors have helped

1 ensure that future generations can continue to be enriched by this
2 magnificent heritage; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor Javier Loera for his service as war
5 captain of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and extend to him sincere best
6 wishes for the future; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Mr. Loera as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives.