By: Martinez Fischer

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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, David G. Hinojosa is stepping down as Southwest

regional counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense and

3 Educational Fund in 2015, after an outstanding tenure of more than a

4 decade with that organization; and

5 WHEREAS, Since joining MALDEF in 2003, Mr. Hinojosa has

6 gained recognition as one of its most effective litigators,

7 particularly in the area of education; he has worked on issues

8 related to public school finance, the provision of adequate

9 education for low-income, special education, and English Learner

10 students, and the equitable and inclusive treatment of public

11 schoolchildren; he has also sought to protect access to higher

12 education and to defend the rights of workers and military

13 veterans; and

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14 WHEREAS, This esteemed attorney has provided expert

15 testimony to local and state governmental bodies, and he has

16 contributed chapters on the subject of school finance to two books,

17 one of which is forthcoming from Harvard Education Press; in

18 addition, he has presented at more than 75 local, state, and

19 national conferences, lectured at universities and law schools

20 around the country, and participated in numerous roundtables; and

21 WHEREAS, A native of San Antonio, Mr. Hinojosa earned his

22 bachelor's degree with honors from New Mexico State University and

23 his J.D. from The University of Texas at Austin School of Law in

24 2000; he previously served as an air traffic controller in the

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- 1 U.S. Air Force for nearly eight years and was honored with several
- 2 military awards; and
- 3 WHEREAS, David Hinojosa has worked tirelessly to advance the
- 4 cause of social justice, and his commitment to creating a society of
- 5 greater fairness and opportunity is a source of continuing
- 6 inspiration to all who know him; now, therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
- 8 Legislature hereby honor David G. Hinojosa for his achievements as
- 9 Southwest regional counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense
- 10 and Educational Fund and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
- 11 future; and, be it further
- 12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 13 prepared for Mr. Hinojosa as an expression of high regard by the
- 14 Texas House of Representatives.