

By: Gutierrez

H.R. No. 2517

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gonzalo Partida of the United States Navy has been
2 named commander of Patrol Squadron 9, and this achievement presents
3 a fitting opportunity to recognize him for his outstanding service
4 to his country; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Partida enlisted in the navy in 1990, and
6 following his training as an electrician's mate, he earned a
7 scholarship from the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; he was
8 commissioned after graduating with a bachelor's degree in chemistry
9 from the University of Florida in December 1997; and

10 WHEREAS, Originally stationed with a naval navigation
11 training unit at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio,
12 Mr. Partida received his first operational assignment with Patrol
13 Squadron 9 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii in 1999; while a member of
14 the unit, nicknamed the "Golden Eagles," he served as patrol plane
15 instructor tactical coordinator and as mission commander and
16 completed deployments around the globe; and

17 WHEREAS, Commander Partida was transferred to Patrol
18 Squadron 30 in 2003, and he later served for three years aboard the
19 USS *Ronald Reagan*, during which time the ship completed its maiden
20 deployment to the Arabian Gulf in support of the Global War on
21 Terror; he went on to join Patrol Squadron 1 before being assigned
22 in 2011 to the Joint Staff, Nuclear Command and Control
23 Directorate, which he served as assistant deputy director for
24 operations; and

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding record, Commander
2 Partida has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and
3 the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" device; and

4 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Commander Partida is
5 blessed with the love and support of his wife, the former Laura
6 Sanchez, and he takes tremendous pride in their three children,
7 Noah, Cora, and Cruz; and

8 WHEREAS, This distinguished officer has contributed
9 significantly to the units with which he has served, and his
10 commitment to duty, honor, and this country have reflected the
11 highest ideals of the United States armed forces; now, therefore,
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Gonzalo Partida on being named
15 commander of Patrol Squadron 9 and extend to him sincere
16 appreciation for his admirable service; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Commander Partida as an expression of high regard by
19 the Texas House of Representatives.