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H.R. No. 3214

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The prosperity of the Lone Star State has been
2 greatly influenced by its notable tradition of ranching, and Jesus
3 Gilberto Saenz has made many valuable contributions to the cattle
4 industry over the course of his long career in Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Following his graduation from Benavides High School
6 in 1957, "Chick" Saenz joined the United States Marine Corps and
7 served his country for three years; honorably discharged in 1960,
8 he returned home and ran cattle ranches, then worked for the Duval
9 County Sheriff's Office for six years before joining the United
10 States Department of Agriculture in 1972; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Saenz began his longtime involvement with the
12 Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association in 1973; the
13 first Hispanic member of that organization's special rangers, he
14 was commissioned through the Texas Department of Public Safety and
15 certified by Texas A&M University--Kingsville; this esteemed law
16 enforcement officer investigated such crimes as cattle rustling,
17 equipment theft, poaching, and agricultural fraud in Duval, Jim
18 Hogg, Webb, Zapata, Starr, and Hidalgo Counties; his territory
19 included the border between Laredo and Brownsville, where more than
20 20 crossing points offer opportunity for the transit of stolen
21 cattle both to and from Mexico; in carrying out his duties,
22 Mr. Saenz worked closely with a number of agencies on both sides of
23 the Rio Grande; he also taught classes on livestock law and
24 technology to members of other law enforcement agencies, and he was

1 a certified marksmanship instructor, helping to train officers
2 throughout South Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, During his more than 40 years with the TSCRA,
4 Mr. Saenz rendered invaluable service to ranchers in his district,
5 and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor Chick Saenz for his distinguished career
9 as a special ranger with the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers
10 Association 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. Saenz as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.