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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rick Diaz retired as anchor of KRGV-TV news in the
2 Rio Grande Valley on May 22, 2015, drawing to a close an outstanding
3 career in television journalism that has spanned half a century;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The son of migrant workers, Mr. Diaz was a member of
6 the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High School Border Bandits, the first Rio
7 Grande Valley football team to make the state playoffs, during the
8 1962-63 season; while he was attending Pan American University, he
9 joined the staff of KRGV-TV in Weslaco as a night photographer, and
10 following his graduation from college, he quickly worked his way up
11 through the ranks to become a reporter, a weekend news anchor, the
12 six o'clock news anchor, and finally the station's news director in
13 1976; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Diaz first retired in 1998, but he returned to
15 the station as a news anchor in 2000; throughout his career, he has
16 been an inspiration and a mentor to other journalists, counseling
17 countless young people over the years, including the station's
18 current news director, whom Mr. Diaz hired in 1981; his extensive
19 community service has been honored on three occasions with
20 invitations to the White House, twice by President Ronald Reagan
21 and again by President Bill Clinton; and

22 WHEREAS, Rick Diaz may indeed reflect with pride on his
23 lifelong commitment to serving the Rio Grande Valley, and
24 generations of grateful viewers will long remember his signature

1 signoff, "Good night y que te pasa muy buenas noches"; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor Rick Diaz for his leadership and
5 achievements with KRGV-TV news and extend to him sincere best
6 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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