SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 810

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize noted attorney and activist Jim Harrington, who is retiring from the Texas Civil Rights Project after 25 years of outstanding leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrington earned his law degree from the University of Detroit in 1973; he spent 10 years as a director of the South Texas Project, and during his tenure, he helped safeguard the rights of farmworkers and indigent citizens in the Rio Grande Valley and litigated cases of discrimination and police brutality; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrington founded the Texas Civil Rights Project in 1990; the organization uses litigation, education, and social services to secure racial, social, and economic justice for those least able to defend themselves; and

WHEREAS, Under Mr. Harrington's exceptional leadership, the Texas Civil Rights Project has succeeded in making substantial systemic gains in justice for Texans of limited means in the areas of voting rights, police and border patrol misconduct, sex discrimination, employment bias, privacy, and grand jury discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Jim Harrington has been a steadfast defender of the civil rights and liberties of Texans, and it is truly fitting that he receive special recognition for his many contributions to the administration of justice in our state: now, therefore, be it

the administration of justice in our state; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend Jim Harrington on his invaluable stewardship of the Texas Civil Rights Project and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Rodríguez

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 14, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate