SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1004

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Rick Diaz, who is retiring from KRGV-TV Channel 5 in the Rio Grande Valley after nearly 50 years in broadcast journalism; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Diaz became the news director at KRGV in 1976; he had formerly served as a photographer, a reporter, and an anchor; throughout his exemplary career, he has carried the people of the Valley in his heart, mind, and soul, and he had guided the station with the highest level of integrity; and

WHEREAS, A truly distinguished leader in his field, he was invited to the White House on several occasions and was twice recognized by President Reagan for the work the television station did in the community; his love for family and the Rio Grande Valley kept him in his home state when he had offers to move to larger markets; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Diaz announced his retirement as news director in 1998, but he was drawn back to the station he loved two years later to serve again as a news anchor; in this role, he also was a mentor and counselor to many young people in the field; and

WHEREAS, This beloved member of the community has maintained a standard of excellence in broadcast journalism that serves as an example to others, and his presence at KRGV will be greatly missed by his colleagues and by residents throughout the Valley; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend Rick Diaz for his exceptional contributions to KRGV-TV Channel 5 and to the people of the Rio

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Grande Valley and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

Lucio, Hinojosa

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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