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H.R. No. 217

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Eddie Cavazos is retiring in 2017,
2 drawing to a close a distinguished career in public service and in
3 the private sector that has spanned more than half a century; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Cavazos received his education at Del Mar
5 College and Texas A&M University-Kingsville, and from 1960 to 1963,
6 he served his nation in the U.S. Army; returning to civilian life,
7 he worked for Reynolds Metals Company until 1973 and then ran his
8 own casualty insurance and real estate brokerage business until
9 1983; and

10 WHEREAS, Elected to the Texas House of Representatives from
11 Nueces County in 1983, Mr. Cavazos served for five terms, and over
12 the course of his tenure, he was chair of the Committee on Insurance
13 and twice chair of the Insurance Subcommittee on Budget and
14 Oversight, and he also served as chair of the Cultural and
15 Historical Resources Subcommittee on Budget and Oversight and as
16 co-chair of the Committee on Higher Education in South Texas; in
17 addition, he served for four terms on the appropriations, health
18 and human services, and budget conference committees, and he was
19 chair of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus; and

20 WHEREAS, From 1993 to 1995, Mr. Cavazos was chair of the
21 Texas Workforce Commission, by appointment of Governor Ann
22 Richards; he led the complete restructuring of the agency and
23 helped improve productivity among the commission's more than 6,000
24 employees in over 250 locations across the state; he also led the

1 implementation of new mobile technology allowing access to the job
2 market from a variety of business locations; and

3 WHEREAS, Since 1995, Mr. Cavazos has represented a variety of
4 clients before the Texas Legislature, assisting them with outreach
5 to their elected officials on such matters as energy,
6 communications, windstorm insurance, health care, education,
7 taxes, and business development; and

8 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Cavazos has enjoyed the
9 love and support of Diana, his wife of 52 years, as well as that of
10 his children, Celena, Randy, and Jennifer, and his grandchildren,
11 Alix, Matthew, Ryan, Kendra, Jacob, and Bella; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Cavazos's dedication, professionalism, and
13 commitment to service have greatly benefited his fellow Texans, and
14 he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he
15 embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be
16 it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Eddie Cavazos on his retirement and
19 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mr. Cavazos as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives.