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H.R. No. 387

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Fernando Landeros Verdugo has been selected as  
2 Mr. Amigo 2016 by the Mr. Amigo Association of Brownsville, and  
3 this is a fitting opportunity to celebrate this outstanding  
4 philanthropist's achievements and contributions; and

5           WHEREAS, Each year since 1964, the Mr. Amigo Association has  
6 designated as "Mr. Amigo" an eminent Mexican citizen who has  
7 contributed to the friendship between the United States and Mexico;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, Born in Mexico City in 1963, Fernando Landeros  
10 earned his law degree at the Universidad Iberoamericana, studied  
11 political philosophy and comparative governments at Harvard  
12 University, and earned a master's degree in humanities and Mexican  
13 history; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Landeros is the founder and president of the  
15 Fundación Teletón, which for the past 20 years has hosted a popular  
16 nationwide telethon every December to raise money for the Centro de  
17 Rehabilitación Infantil Teletón, a system of 22 pediatric  
18 rehabilitation centers providing expert care to children with  
19 disabilities; and

20           WHEREAS, This remarkable effort has benefited more than  
21 96,000 families in Mexico and has distributed funds to over 500  
22 foundations and social work institutions, which in turn serve some  
23 293,000 people; Fundación Teletón also supports University  
24 Teletón, which has trained nearly 1,000 therapists; in 2014, the

1 foundation opened its first Children's Rehabilitation Institute in  
2 the United States, a 45,000-square-foot facility in San Antonio  
3 that serves up to 600 patients a year; and

4 WHEREAS, In recognition of his achievements, Mr. Landeros  
5 was presented in 2006 with an honorary doctorate from the  
6 Universidad Anáhuac México Sur, and in 2013 he received the Medal of  
7 Civic Merit "Eduardo Neri and Legislators of 1913" from the Mexican  
8 legislature; and

9 WHEREAS, Fernando Landeros has dedicated himself to  
10 assisting and empowering disabled children, both in Mexico and the  
11 United States, and his exemplary efforts have made a positive  
12 difference in thousands of lives while helping strengthen the bonds  
13 of friendship between two great nations; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Fernando Landeros Verdugo on being  
16 named Mr. Amigo 2016 and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
17 continued success in his important work; and, be it further

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