

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of his many contributions to the
2 economic development and overall prosperity of South Texas, the
3 Honorable Eddie Lucio Jr. has been named the Border Texan of the
4 Year for 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, A former two-term member of the Texas House of
6 Representatives, Eddie Lucio was elected to the Texas Senate in
7 1991 and currently has the distinction of being
8 the third-longest-serving member of that chamber; he chairs the
9 Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, serves as vice
10 chair of the Senate Committee on Education, and is also a member of
11 committees focusing on border security, state affairs, and veterans
12 affairs; in years past, Senator Lucio held a seat on the powerful
13 Senate Finance Committee, during which time he worked to allocate
14 state funds for infrastructure needs in South Texas and
15 successfully secured the designation of the region's first
16 interstate highways; and

17 WHEREAS, Throughout his time in the legislature, Senator
18 Lucio has been a champion for health care for children with
19 disabilities, for equity in public schools, and for veterans'
20 issues; he has played a prominent role in improving access to higher
21 education in the Rio Grande Valley, having promoted legislation
22 that successfully created colleges and universities across the
23 region, notably The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and its
24 four-year school of medicine; and

1 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Brownsville, Eddie Lucio
2 Jr. graduated from Pan American University with a bachelor's degree
3 in education and worked as a teacher and coach before serving 12
4 years in county government; he is supported in all his endeavors by
5 his wife of 49 years, Minnie, and their two children, Lynda and
6 Eddie, as well as their five grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, With his selection as the Border Texan of the Year,
8 Senator Lucio joins an elite group of public servants who, through
9 their leadership and advocacy, have immeasurably enhanced the
10 quality of life in South Texas, and he may reflect with pride on all
11 that he has accomplished in behalf of his constituents; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Senator Eddie Lucio Jr. on being
15 named the 2017 Border Texan of the Year and extend to him sincere
16 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

Muñoz, Jr.

Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 773

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 773 was adopted by the House on March 13, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House