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H.R. No. 773

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.