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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Officer Juan M. Aguilar of the Fort Worth Police 2 Department is serving as an inspiring role model for many young men 3 in his community through his work with the Boys of Valor Club at 4 Manuel Jara Elementary School; and

5 WHEREAS, Boys of Valor stands for "Boys Who Value Academics, 6 Leadership, Obedience, and Respect"; the club was founded by the 7 school principal, Marta Plata, as a program for boys in the fifth 8 grade with the goal of encouraging positive behaviors and reducing 9 bullying, gang recruitment, and disrespect for teachers; and

10 WHEREAS, In support of this worthwhile effort, Officer 11 Aguilar and two of his fellow FWPD officers visit the school weekly 12 to speak to the club's members about leadership and to engage 13 participants in a game of football or basketball; the officers 14 occasionally have lunch with the students as well, and they have 15 also helped to deliver Christmas trees during the holiday season 16 and participated in bicycle raffles; and

WHEREAS, A resident of the same North Division that he serves, Officer Aguilar joined the FWPD in 2002 after fulfilling his lifelong dream of becoming a United States citizen; in his work as a neighborhood police officer, he enjoys acting as a liaison to the Spanish-speaking community, and he often takes part in local events, where he can assist in building the public's confidence in his department; and

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WHEREAS, By generously devoting his time and energy to this

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worthwhile effort, Officer Juan Aguilar is helping set club members on the path to becoming responsible and productive citizens and fostering a stronger relationship between the police and young men in the community; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas 6 Legislature hereby commend Officer Juan M. Aguilar of the Fort 7 Worth Police Department for his contributions to the Boys of Valor 8 Club and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in 9 his important work; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 11 prepared for Officer Aguilar as an expression of high regard by the 12 Texas House of Representatives.

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