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H.R. No. 1377

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Rey A. Saldaña is concluding his service as a member  
2 of the San Antonio City Council in 2019, drawing to a close a tenure  
3 distinguished by significant progress and achievement; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Saldaña became the youngest ever member of the  
5 San Antonio City Council following his election to that office in  
6 May 2011 when he was just 24 years old; since then, he has ably  
7 represented the interests of his constituents by supporting health  
8 and fitness initiatives, advocating for student access to mental  
9 health resources, and working to improve public transport and  
10 infrastructure; among his most impressive accomplishments is the  
11 transformation of Pearsall Park from a landfill into a 505-acre  
12 regional park featuring splash pads, running and biking courses, a  
13 zip line, a skate park, and a disc golf course; and

14           WHEREAS, In addition to fulfilling his duties as a public  
15 official, Mr. Saldaña has taught at Trinity University and Palo  
16 Alto College for a number of years; he previously worked in the Vice  
17 President's Office for Community Service at The University of Texas  
18 at San Antonio and served as chief engagement officer for KIPP San  
19 Antonio; he has further contributed to his fellow citizens as a  
20 mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Boys and Girls Club of  
21 San Antonio, and he has given generously of his time and talents as  
22 a national board member of Communities In Schools, which recognized  
23 him in 2017 with the All In for Students Award; and

24           WHEREAS, A graduate of South San Antonio High School,

1 Mr. Saldaña continued his education at Stanford University, where  
2 he earned bachelor's degrees in political science and communication  
3 and a master's degree in policy, organization, and leadership  
4 studies; in all his endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his  
5 wife, Jessica, and he takes great pride in their son, Eli; and

6 WHEREAS, Through his dedication, leadership, and expertise,  
7 Rey Saldaña has made a positive and lasting difference in the San  
8 Antonio community, and he may indeed reflect with pride on all that  
9 he has accomplished in its behalf; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby commend Rey A. Saldaña for his service on the  
12 San Antonio City Council and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
13 the future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Mr. Saldaña as an expression of high regard by the  
16 Texas House of Representatives.