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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ricardo "Cuate" Santos retired as chief
2 photographer of the *Laredo Morning Times* on December 31, 2020,
3 drawing to a close an exceptional career with the newspaper that
4 spanned nearly four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Greatly admired for his artistry and skill, Cuate
6 Santos has captured the essence of the border town in which he was
7 born and raised, documenting myriad civic, sports, and political
8 events; over the years, his assignments have included photographing
9 high-profile athletes and political figures, including Mexican and
10 U.S. presidents, and such events as the Jalapeño Festival; a
11 self-taught photographer who never took a formal class, he mastered
12 lighting and composition early on, and his images have appeared in a
13 number of prestigious national and international publications; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Santos graduated from Martin High School and
15 went on to attend Laredo Junior College, where he began his work as
16 a photographer with the McIntosh Express; he joined the staff of the
17 *Laredo Morning Times* in the early 1980s; he was recently recognized
18 by the Webb County Commissioners Court for his many years of
19 dedicated service to the region; and

20 WHEREAS, Retirement will afford Mr. Santos more time to spend
21 with his family, which includes his wife, Norma, his daughters,
22 Andrea and Amanda, and his granddaughters, Olivia and Eva; he also
23 plans to volunteer more in the community and to continue
24 photographing Laredo; and

1 WHEREAS, Known for his professionalism, his low-key manner,
2 and his good humor, Cuate Santos has chronicled the lives of his
3 fellow residents for 39 years, and in so doing, he has created a
4 rich and compelling visual record of life in South Texas; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Ricardo "Cuate" Santos on his
8 retirement as chief photographer for the *Laredo Morning Times* and
9 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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