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H.R. No. 685

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Miguel A. Conchas is retiring as president and CEO
2 of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce on June 30, 2021, drawing to a
3 close 35 years of outstanding service to the organization; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Conchas began his career with the Laredo Chamber
5 of Commerce in 1986, when he was hired as the director of the
6 Convention & Visitors Bureau, and in 1992, he was appointed chamber
7 president and CEO; over the course of his long and productive
8 tenure, he has played an instrumental role in the city's economic
9 development, advocating in Washington, D.C., for the passage of the
10 North American Free Trade Agreement and establishing the Laredo
11 Convention & Visitors Bureau's office in Monterrey; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to his professional responsibilities,
13 Mr. Conchas has given generously of his time and expertise to such
14 civic and charitable organizations as the League of United Latin
15 American Citizens, the International Good Neighbor Council, and
16 Laredo Gateway Rotary; moreover, he was appointed to the INS
17 Citizens' Advisory Panel by U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, and
18 he has served on the board of the Texas Association of Business and
19 Chambers of Commerce and as president of the board of the Mexican
20 Cultural Institute of Laredo; his awards and accolades include
21 presidential recognition as a Champion of Change, the Ohtli Award
22 from the Mexican secretariat of foreign affairs, and the Paul
23 Harris Fellow award from the Laredo Gateway Rotary club; he holds a
24 master's degree in education from Texas A&I University, and he

1 previously worked as an elementary school teacher in the Laredo
2 Independent School District; and

3 WHEREAS, Through his adept and forward-looking leadership,
4 Miguel Conchas has helped guide the Laredo Chamber of Commerce
5 through a transformative period in its history, and his many
6 valuable contributions will continue to resonate in the years to
7 come; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Miguel A. Conchas on his retirement
10 as president and CEO of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce and extend to
11 him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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