

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 80th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed a
2 special occasion, and Erasmo Andrade of El Paso celebrated this
3 memorable milestone on May 12, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Bruni on May 12, 1931, Mr. Andrade is the son
5 of Wilivaldo Andrade and Maria Nieto Andrade; he graduated from San
6 Antonio Tech and served for two years in the United States Navy;
7 while completing his degree in international relations and studying
8 for his master's degree in education, he served as a substitute
9 teacher in the Edgewood school district, and he joined the San
10 Antonio Independent School District in 1958; he served as executive
11 director of the Zavala County Mental Health Program from 1971-1973
12 and then earned his law degree at Texas Southern University
13 Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 1977; within a year, he became
14 facilitator of the Stimulating the Neighborhood Action Process
15 program for the Austin Independent School District's Department of
16 Community Education; and

17 WHEREAS, Early in the civil rights era, Mr. Andrade joined
18 the League of United Latin American Citizens and the San Antonio
19 Federation of Teachers, and he continued to dedicate himself to
20 social progress through his participation in a number of
21 organizations, among them the Bishops' Committee for the Spanish
22 Speaking, the Political Association of Spanish-Speaking
23 Organizations, and the Federation for the Advancement of the
24 Mexican American; as chair of the Valley Workers Assistance

1 Committee, he supported Rio Grande Valley farm workers in their
2 strike for better conditions, directing several food caravans to
3 assist them; he was engaged in the political arena as well and
4 worked with teachers' groups and the community to resolve problems
5 associated with integration; since 1994, he and his wife, Sally,
6 have resided in El Paso; and

7 WHEREAS, Erasmo Andrade has made a lasting, positive
8 difference in this state through his dedication to civil rights,
9 social justice, and educational advancement, and his birthday
10 provides a welcome opportunity to honor him for his many
11 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Erasmo Andrade on his 80th birthday
14 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and,
15 be it further

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

Marquez

H.R. No. 2719

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2719 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House