

**RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION
MAX CASTILLO**

WHEREAS, Max Castillo became President of the University of Houston-Downtown in 1992; and,

WHEREAS, Max Castillo led the University of Houston-Downtown through a period of unprecedented growth; and,

WHEREAS, that growth has included a doubling of enrollment from 6,000 when he started his tenure to over 12,000 students today, as well as the construction of four new buildings; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of his leadership, the University of Houston-Downtown expanded its degree programs to include traditional disciplines, and obtained authority from the Texas Legislature to offer master's degree programs, establishing four such programs; and,

WHEREAS, thanks to Max Castillo's leadership and vision, the University of Houston-Downtown improved and expanded articulation agreements with area community colleges, added the Weekend College, expanded online and off-campus sites to include Cinco Ranch, the University Center in The Woodlands, Sugar Land, Lone Star College Cy-Fair and Lone Star College Kingwood, and expanded pre-college preparatory programs, furthering the university's mission of providing access to higher education to all deserving students; and,

WHEREAS, under Max Castillo's tenure new programs were started, the university's international education partnerships were broadened, and community engagement and sustainability became part of the institution's focus; and,

WHEREAS, Max Castillo has elevated the prestige and stature of the University of Houston-Downtown, while preserving its mission of service to students who come from diverse backgrounds and many of them first in their families to attend college; and,

WHEREAS, Max Castillo can be credited with envisioning today's University of Houston-Downtown; and,

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University of Houston System Board of Regents issues this resolution in appreciation of Max Castillo for his service to the University of Houston-Downtown, with our best wishes to him and his wife Rosario Martinez Castillo and their family.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2009

Chairman, Board of Regents
University of Houston System

Chancellor
University of Houston