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H. RES. 482

Commending United States Border Patrol Chief Raul L. Ortiz on his retirement after 32 years of public service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STRONG (for himself, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. EZELL, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. GUEST, and Mr. LALOTA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

RESOLUTION

Commending United States Border Patrol Chief Raul L. Ortiz on his retirement after 32 years of public service.

Whereas, since 1924, the United States Border Patrol's (USBP) mission has been to protect the American people and promote economic prosperity through its border and national security mission;

Whereas Raul L. Ortiz began his career with the United States Border Patrol on May 13, 1991, in the San Diego sector as a member of Academy Class 247;

Whereas Raul Ortiz worked his way up through the ranks at Chula Vista, Brownfield, and Campo stations;

Whereas, in 2000, he was promoted to the Del Rio sector, where he served as Assistant Patrol Agent in Charge and Patrol Agent in Charge of the Comstock station, and additionally, as an Assistant Chief Patrol Agent at the Del Rio sector headquarters;

Whereas, in 2009, he served as Director of the Border Management Task Force, Senior Advisor to the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) envoy to Afghanistan and Pakistan, and as the DHS attaché in Kabul, Afghanistan;

Whereas, in 2012, he was promoted to Deputy Chief of Law Enforcement Operational Programs at Border Patrol headquarters in Washington, DC, where he served as principal advisor on enforcement operations and administrative requirements to accomplish the Border Patrol's strategic plan;

Whereas, in 2013, he returned to the field as Deputy Chief Patrol Agent of the Rio Grande Valley sector;

Whereas, in 2019, he returned to the Del Rio sector as the Chief Patrol Agent, and on March 2, 2020, entered on duty as the Deputy Chief of the United States Border Patrol;

Whereas prior to joining the USBP, he served in the United States Army's 8th Infantry Division in Baumholder, Germany;

Whereas he attended the University of Texas in San Antonio and Southwest Texas Junior College, completing studies in political science and criminal justice;

Whereas his awards include two Meritorious Honor Awards from the Department of State, the Certificate of Achievement from the State of Texas, and the Superior Civilian

Service Medal, the Department of Defense’s third highest civilian honor;

Whereas Raul L. Ortiz became the 25th Chief of the United States Border Patrol on August 15, 2021;

Whereas in refusing to enforce the Nation’s laws, the Biden administration has created an unprecedented and historic crisis at our southern border;

Whereas, since the beginning of 2021, there has been an overwhelming increase in the number of illegal immigrants crossing our southern border; and

Whereas despite the challenges that this presented for each of the brave men and women that defend our borders, Raul Ortiz remained committed to carrying out the mission of USBP and upholding the rule of law: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) commends United States Border Patrol
3 Chief Raul Ortiz on his retirement after 32 years of
4 honorable service to the Nation; and

5 (2) acknowledges and affirms that Raul Ortiz
6 exemplified leadership and faithfulness in the execu-
7 tion of his duties.

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