

## Texas Representative Roberto R. Alonzo's

## Capitol Report



**Picture:** Rep. Alonzo (center) celebrates with La Voz del Anciano seniors at last year's Diez & Seis de Septiembre festivities.

**Rep. Alonzo Urges All Dallasites to Participate in Diez & Seis de Septiembre Celebrations;  
HR 55 Authored by Alonzo is Passed by 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature**

*Commemorating the Hispanic Cultural Annual Celebration for 2013  
This Year's Celebration Runs from Sat, Sept. 16 thru Mon, Oct. 15*

Rep. Alonzo today urged all citizens of the Dallas/Fort Worth area to take part in the various upcoming historical 2012 Diez & Seis de Septiembre celebrations which will be taking place all over the state and country, including several locally.

"Children, adults of all ages and ethnic backgrounds, citizens of Hispanic and non-Hispanic roots alike, all over the nation, great State of Texas as well as the city of Dallas, will come together within the next few days and weeks for a very important celebration - el Diez y Seis de septiembre, or the 16th of September, 2013. They will all come together in celebration at city halls, parks, plazas, school auditoriums, college campuses, local, state, and federal buildings, and community centers, to celebrate Mexican Independence Day as well as the start of Hispanic Heritage Month - a month-long national celebration of Hispanic cultural pride and tradition all over the country that runs from Sunday, September 15 through Tuesday, October 15, 2013 this year. I urge all citizens from the DFW to take part in these celebrations, to honor and pay tribute to the many contributions, achievements, and successes that U.S. citizens of Mexican descent have made to this country," said Rep. Alonzo.

"Mexican Independence Day, or 'el Diez y Seis de septiembre,' as it is better known among the Hispanic community, is an occasion that is permanently recorded in the memory of every U.S. American of Mexican descent, as well as Mexicans from Mexico. We are a country of such diverse backgrounds and cultures, that we should be proud to be part of this celebration," continued Rep. Alonzo.

**House Resolution 55 By Rep.  
Alonzo Commemorates**

**Diez & Seis De Septiembre, 2013  
16th Of September, 2013**

**H.R. No. 55 By Alonzo (Passed by 83<sup>rd</sup>  
Legislature on February 21, 2013)**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Each year on September 16, Mexicans and Hispanics of Mexican descent celebrate Mexico's independence from Spain, recalling the historic events of that day in 1810; and

**WHEREAS**, Diez y Seis de Septiembre marks the beginning of the revolution that occurred after years of oppressive rule by Spain; Catholic priest and national hero Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla touched off the long-simmering rebellion when he ordered the arrest of native Spaniards in the town of Dolores and encouraged the indigenous peoples of Mexico to overthrow the brutal Spanish regime; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, Father Hidalgo is revered as the father of Mexican independence, and his patriotic heroism continues to inspire oppressed people of all nationalities; the legacy of this remarkable man and his message of solidarity evoke heartfelt feelings of pride and patriotism among those who celebrate this momentous historical event; and

**WHEREAS**, *El Grito de Independencia*, or the "Shout of Independence," is on the lips of those who pay homage to the courage and perseverance of Father Hidalgo and his unlikely band of revolutionaries, and the defiant, yet hopeful cry of "Mexicanos, Viva Mexico" is uttered in proud tribute to their memory; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the House of Representatives of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature hereby recognize Diez y Seis de Septiembre, 2013, and pay tribute to the many native Mexicans who gave their lives in the quest for freedom and independence.

*Alonzo*