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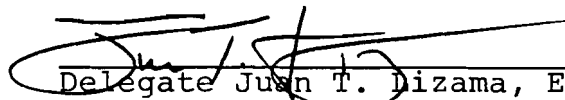
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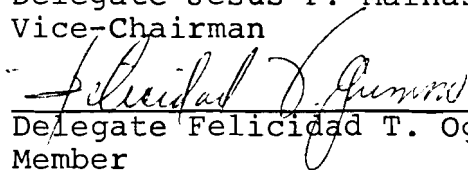
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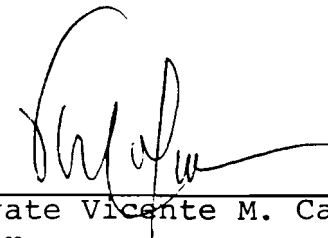
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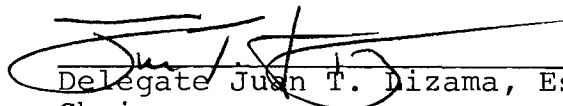
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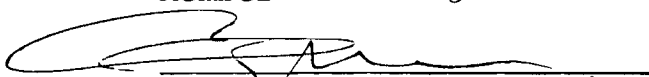
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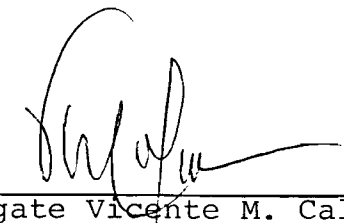
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Adopted by Committee of the Whole and Convention on July 14, 1985

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