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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived may help to comfort
2 those saddened by the passing of Alberto Maldonado of Kingsville on
3 April 28, 2023, at the age of 93; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Librado and Ella Maldonado, "Beto"
5 Maldonado was born in Kingsville on January 16, 1930, and he grew up
6 with the companionship of five siblings, Alicia, Aurora, Amelia,
7 Placido, and Lee; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Maldonado was a longtime employee of the King
9 Ranch, and over the course of his 80-year career there, he worked in
10 the single and multiple sire herd division and traveled the world
11 introducing the Santa Gertrudis breed of cattle, which the ranch
12 developed; his many adventures included parading a 2,900-pound
13 bull, Macho, through the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport
14 and transporting 21 bulls by air to Casablanca; after his
15 retirement from cattle operations, he served the King Ranch Visitor
16 Center as a tour guide, and he continued to give generously of his
17 time to the center as the years went on; in 2009, he published the
18 book *The Master Showmen of King Ranch: The Story of Beto and Librado*
19 *Maldonado*, which tells the story of his and his father's eventful
20 lives on the ranch; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Maldonado shared a rewarding marriage with his
22 wife, Dora, that spanned nearly seven decades before her passing in
23 2016; he was the proud father of five children, Dora, Norma, Samuel,
24 Albert, and Catalina, and with the passing years, he had the

1 privilege of seeing his family grow to include 7 grandchildren,
2 Sonia, Veronica, Samantha, Mario, Monica, Tracy, and Daniel, and 12
3 great-grandchildren, Andres, Makayla, Dyllyn, Carlos, Samuel,
4 Landon, Kinley, Caroline, Finn, Lorraine, Tre, and Molly, and 2
5 great-great-grandchildren, Mylah and Liam; and

6 WHEREAS, While the death of Beto Maldonado brings
7 immeasurable sorrow to his family and friends, he leaves behind a
8 legacy that will long be treasured by all those who held him dear;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Alberto Maldonado and
12 extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Beto
16 Maldonado.