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H.R. No. 65

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Jesus O. Chavira, Sr., of Del Rio on  
2 August 9, 2003, at the age of 97, brought a great loss to the family  
3 and friends of this esteemed gentleman; and

4           WHEREAS, Born May 24, 1906, in Allende, Coahuila, Mexico, Mr.  
5 Chavira came to the United States in 1921 and worked for 57 years as  
6 a contract sheep shearer to provide for his family; he supplemented  
7 his income through 20 years of employment as a seasonal migrant  
8 worker; and

9           WHEREAS, A staunch believer in the power of education, this  
10 beloved patriarch encouraged his children to pursue college  
11 degrees, and his children and grandchildren responded by earning  
12 degrees from such respected institutions as Howard Payne  
13 University, Sul Ross State University, Southwest Texas State  
14 University, and The University of Texas at Austin; and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. Chavira was preceded in death by his first wife,  
16 Maria de Jesus Chavira, his son, Jesus Chavira, Jr., and his  
17 grandson, Ruben Chavira; he endured these hardships with uncommon  
18 strength of character and kept these family members alive in his  
19 memories; and

20           WHEREAS, Throughout his long and productive life, Mr. Chavira  
21 placed the needs of his family before his own, and although he will  
22 be missed by all who knew and loved him, his spirit will shine on for  
23 many years to come in the thoughts and deeds of his large and loving  
24 family; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
2   Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
3   Jesus O. Chavira, Sr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of  
4   his family: to his wife, Guadalupe Chavira; to his sons, Roberto  
5   Chavira and his wife, Carmen, Mario Chavira and his wife, Sarah, and  
6   Gustavo Chavira and his wife, Hermelinda; to his children, Dora  
7   Linda Rocha and her husband, Rafael, and Rosario C. Villarreal and  
8   Arturo O. Rocha; to his 20 grandchildren and 13  
9   great-grandchildren; and to the many other relatives and friends of  
10  this remarkable gentleman; and, be it further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12  prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
13  Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jesus O.  
14  Chavira, Sr.