By: Gallego H.R. No. 124

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The family and friends of Eraclio G. Espinoza, Jr., 1 2 of Alpine were deeply saddened by the untimely passing of this 3 esteemed gentleman on July 7, 2003, at the age of 55; and WHEREAS, Born on October 7, 1947, in Alpine, Mr. Espinoza 4 married the former Eloisa Guerrero on June 4, 1973, and their 5 6 enduring union was blessed by a daughter and three sons; and WHEREAS, Mr. Espinoza served his country with 7 distinction during the Vietnam War as a member of the U.S. Army, and 8 he earned numerous recognitions for his valor, including the Purple 9 Heart; an expert marksman with the M-60 machine gun, Mr. Espinoza 10 achieved the status of sharpshooter with M-14 and M-16 rifles; and 11 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Espinoza was a longstanding and valued member of 13 the Alpine community who worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 30 14 years and belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars; a member of the 15 Catholic Church, he was also a devoted family man who deeply loved

WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan will be sorely missed by those who were fortunate enough to have known him, and his memory will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

his wife, children, and grandchildren; and

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Eraclio G. Espinoza, Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his beloved wife, Eloisa Espinoza; to his mother, Esperanza Espinoza; to his daughter, Gina Mata; to his

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- 1 sons, Michael Espinoza, Jesse Espinoza, and Eddy Acosta; to his
- 2 sisters, Sylvia Rodriguez, Carmen Rodriguez, Rebecca Acosta,
- 3 Marcela Molinar, Mary Conant, and Clemencia Reyes; to his brothers,
- 4 Jesus Espinoza and Raymon Espinoza; to his eight grandchildren; and
- 5 to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Eraclio
- 9 G. Espinoza, Jr.