

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Alpine community lost a cherished friend,
2 neighbor, and educator with the passing of Dr. Marcelino Abelardo
3 "Abe" Baeza on February 1, 2004, at the age of 59; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of this West Texas community,
5 Dr. Baeza was born May 14, 1944, to proud parents Marcelino and
6 Anita Tarango Baeza; after graduating from Alpine High School, he
7 went on to receive his bachelor's and master's degrees in English
8 from Sul Ross State University and later earned his doctorate from
9 Texas Tech University; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Baeza held a distinguished 34-year career at his
11 beloved alma mater, Sul Ross State University, where, over the
12 course of his tenure, he served as head of the Spanish department,
13 English professor, and director of Title V; in addition, this
14 accomplished scholar wrote several books and published a host of
15 articles in his lifetime; and

16 WHEREAS, A popular and influential presence on campus, Dr.
17 Baeza was a committed advocate of Mexican-American equality; he
18 founded the Mexican-American Fiesta pageant, serving as its master
19 of ceremonies and writing a number of plays *en español* for the
20 event; and

21 WHEREAS, Respected by his colleagues, admired by his
22 students, and loved by his family and friends, Dr. Baeza will long
23 be missed by those who were privileged to know him, but his spirit
24 will live on in the hearts of those whose lives he touched; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
3 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
4 Dr. Marcelino Abelardo Baeza and extend sincere sympathy to his
5 family: to his sisters, Francisca Mendoza and Maria T. Gonzales; to
6 his brothers, Tomas Tarango and Armando Baeza; and to the other
7 relatives and many friends of this deeply admired gentleman; and,
8 be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
11 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Abe
12 Baeza.

Gallego

Craddick	Geren	Mercer
Allen	Giddings	Merritt
Alonzo	Goodman	Miller
Bailey	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Baxter	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Berman	Grusendorf	Morrison
Bohac	Guillen	Mowery
Bonnen	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Branch	Haggerty	Nixon
Brown of Kaufman	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Brazos	Hamric	Oliveira
Burnam	Hardcastle	Olivo
Callegari	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Campbell	Hartnett	Pena
Canales	Heflin	Phillips
Capelo	Hegar	Pickett
Casteel	Hilderbran	Pitts
Castro	Hill	Puente
Chavez	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chisum	Hodge	Raymond
Christian	Homer	Reyna
Coleman	Hope	Riddle
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Rodriguez
Corte	Hughes	Rose
Crabb	Hunter	Seaman
Crownover	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Dawson	Jones of Bexar	Solis
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
Denny	Keel	Stick
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Swinford
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Talton
Dukes	King	Taylor
Dunnam	Kolkhorst	Telford
Dutton	Krusee	Thompson
Edwards	Kuempel	Truitt
Eiland	Laney	Turner
Eissler	Laubenberg	Uresti
Elkins	Lewis	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Luna	Villarreal
Escobar	Mabry	West
Farabee	Madden	Wilson
Farrar	Marchant	Wise
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wohlgemuth
Flynn	McCall	Wolens
Gallego	McClendon	Wong
Garza	McReynolds	Woolley
Gattis	Menendez	Zedler

H.R. No. 42

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 42 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 11, 2004.

Chief Clerk of the House