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H.R. No. 42

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.