

By: Wise

H.R. No. 267

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Officer Robert E. Lopez of the Weslaco Police  
2 Department exemplifies the virtues of integrity, dedication, and  
3 valor in his efforts to protect and serve his fellow Texans; and

4           WHEREAS, Officer Lopez was wounded November 19, 2002, in the  
5 line of duty, and his injuries necessitated surgery and an extended  
6 period of recovery; a highly respected member of the force, which he  
7 joined in September 2000, he was awarded several days after the  
8 incident as the department's 2002 Officer of the Year, an honor for  
9 which he had been chosen before his injury; and

10           WHEREAS, This accomplished officer graduated from Donna High  
11 School, where he studied law enforcement through the Vocational  
12 Industrial Clubs of America and belonged to the National Vocational  
13 Honor Society; he also participated in vocational competitions,  
14 winning first place at the regional and state levels and placing in  
15 the top 10 nationally representing Texas in the law enforcement  
16 category; and

17           WHEREAS, Officer Lopez continued to excel at Coastal Bend  
18 College in Beeville, which he attended on a full scholarship and  
19 where he repeatedly made the dean's list en route to earning an  
20 associate degree in criminal justice and a master's certificate in  
21 law enforcement level III; and

22           WHEREAS, Active in his community, Robert E. Lopez is a member  
23 of the Weslaco Municipal Police Union and a congregant of the  
24 Inspiration Ministries Church in the community of Alamo, where he

1 volunteers his talents as a musician; and

2 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, he enjoys the love of his  
3 family, including his devoted wife, Miriam Lopez, and their  
4 children, Kayla and Sergio; his parents, Roberto and Julia Lopez;  
5 his brother, Joab Lopez; and his sister, Iris Rivera, and her  
6 husband, James Rivera, a fellow Weslaco police officer; and

7 WHEREAS, During his tenure on the force, Robert E. Lopez has  
8 demonstrated loyalty, bravery, and devotion to duty consistent with  
9 the highest ideals of the law enforcement profession, and it is a  
10 privilege to join the many people he has aided in thanking him for  
11 his outstanding commitment to public service; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby commend Officer Robert E. Lopez for his  
14 steadfast dedication to the public welfare and extend to him  
15 heartfelt best wishes for success and fulfillment in the years  
16 ahead; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Officer Lopez as an expression of high regard by the  
19 Texas House of Representatives.