

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The dedication of Rodolfo "Rudy" Silva, Jr.,
2 Elementary School in Weslaco is a tribute to the inspirational life
3 of a beloved educator and friend in this close-knit community; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout his lifetime, Rudy Silva advocated
5 education and hard work as the keys to opportunity, a precept
6 stressed by his parents during his boyhood; a native of the South
7 Texas city of Donna, where he was born in 1944, he earned a
8 bachelor's degree in elementary education from The University of
9 Texas-Pan American, becoming the first member of his family to
10 graduate from college; and

11 WHEREAS, Accepting a post as a third-grade teacher, Mr. Silva
12 embarked on an outstanding career with the Weslaco Independent
13 School District; after receiving a master's degree, he worked as an
14 assistant principal and soon took on his defining role as the
15 principal of an elementary school; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Silva was fervently committed to the belief that
17 all children are entitled to a quality education and to loving
18 encouragement as they strive to succeed; fired by those guiding
19 principles, he was instrumental in providing an environment of
20 absolute support for his young charges, including out-of-town field
21 trips and special events to honor and celebrate the achievements of
22 students in his school; and

23 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his wife, Jeannie, and their three
24 daughters, Anna and Dalinda Silva and Michelle Silva Castellanos,

1 Mr. Silva was greatly admired for establishing a warm relationship
2 with his "family" of associates and students, as well; and

3 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman shared his extraordinary
4 passion for educating children and guiding them to excellence with
5 colleagues in the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors
6 Association, which honored him as District 1 Member of the Year; he
7 was also active in the community, giving of his time as a valued
8 member of El Principe de Paz United Methodist Church and the Knapp
9 Medical Center Board of Trustees; moreover, he was a model of
10 determination and persistence for his fellow citizens as he met the
11 many challenges of diabetes, a disease that eventually claimed his
12 life, though never his indomitable spirit; and

13 WHEREAS, For more than 3-1/2 decades, Rudy Silva demonstrated
14 an unwavering commitment to the children of the Weslaco Independent
15 School District, and his loving nature and generosity will surely
16 live on in the hearts and minds of all those whose lives he touched;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
19 Legislature hereby commemorate the dedication of Rodolfo "Rudy"
20 Silva, Jr., Elementary School and honor the memory of Mr. Silva for
21 his devotion to the residents of Weslaco; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
23 for Mr. Silva's family and for Principal Luule Moreno and the staff
24 and students of Rodolfo "Rudy" Silva, Jr., Elementary School as an
25 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 270

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 270 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House