

By: Cook of Colorado

H.R. No. 786

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Ignacio "Joe" Vallejo, Jr., on
2 December 11, 2002, at the age of 82, has left a void in the lives of
3 his family and friends, and it is indeed fitting at this time to
4 commemorate his long and fruitful life; and

5 WHEREAS, Born January 12, 1920, in Kyle, Mr. Vallejo was a
6 pioneer in the promotion of Hispanic and Tejano music, booking acts
7 at El Campo's Pan American Ballroom for nearly 40 years and sharing
8 music with listeners for 51 years as the host of radio station
9 KULP's "Pan American Hour"; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1941, he and his wife, Vivian, were united in
11 matrimony at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Seguin; he
12 served during World War II as a corporal in the Army Air Corps
13 before settling in El Campo in 1948; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Vallejo was the owner of El Campo Café and,
15 later, El Campo Restaurant, which he operated until 1971; his true
16 passion, however, was music, and in 1963 he built the renowned Pan
17 American Ballroom, which he managed until 1998; and

18 WHEREAS, Such luminaries as Ernest Tubb, Hank Williams, Jr.,
19 Buck Owens, and Loretta Lynn played the Pan American Ballroom
20 during its heyday, and now-famous acts such as Little Joe y La
21 Familia and teen sensation Selena performed at the venue before
22 gaining widespread fame; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Vallejo was a member of St. Robert's Catholic
24 Church, American Legion Post 251, and Knights of Columbus 2490; he

1 was also the founder and president of the Pan American Scholarship
2 Fund and was a dedicated supporter of education; and

3 WHEREAS, A man committed to excellence in all his endeavors,
4 Mr. Vallejo was someone who could be depended on in times of need,
5 and his contributions to his community and the music industry will
6 not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ignacio "Joe"
9 Vallejo, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
10 family: to his wife, Vivian Castellanos Vallejo; to his daughters
11 and sons-in-law, Dolly and John Cisneros, Janie and Jackie Saucedo,
12 and Motsy and Virgil Quintero; to his son, Joe Vallejo III, and his
13 daughter-in-law, Brenda Vallejo; to his sister, Aurora
14 Castellanos; to his brothers, Elmer Vallejo, Baltimore Vallejo, and
15 Robert Vallejo; to his grandchildren and their spouses; and to the
16 other relatives and many friends of this beloved gentleman; and, be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ignacio
21 "Joe" Vallejo, Jr.