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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, County Commissioner Romeo L. Lomas has served 2 Kleberg County for more than 25 years and has the distinction of 3 serving longer than any other commissioner in the county's history;

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WHEREAS, Coming from a pioneer family that arrived in Kingsville in 1904, Commissioner Lomas is a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, and over the years he has worked tirelessly to answer the needs of veterans living in Kleberg County; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lomas has also been a strong advocate for the elderly; in 1980, he helped to create services that provide monthly assistance to more than 1,000 elderly, and he led the transformation of an abandoned elementary school into a new senior citizen center and substance abuse counseling facility; and

WHEREAS, An ardent environmentalist, Commissioner Lomas has fought to protect the Goliad Aquifer from polluters, protecting the sole underground water supply for the residents of Kleberg County; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lomas has also supported countless education and community initiatives, including the development of an entrepreneurial program through Coastal Bend College, the creation of a park and recreation area at Baffin Bay, and the construction of bridges for schoolchildren's safe passage to and from school; he also played an integral role in the establishment of a rural transportation system and in bringing dialysis treatment to

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- 1 Kingsville; and
- WHEREAS, A member of the Knights of Columbus Council 2623,
- 3 Commissioner Lomas is devoting his life to public service, and his
- 4 exemplary citizenship makes him an excellent role model for all
- 5 Texans; now, therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 7 Legislature hereby commend Romeo L. Lomas for his outstanding
- 8 tenure as Kleberg County Commissioner and extend to him best wishes
- 9 for the future; and, be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 11 prepared for Commissioner Lomas as an expression of high regard by
- 12 the Texas House of Representatives.