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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Laredo community mourns the loss of the esteemed
2 athletic director and coach at St. Augustine High School, Enrique
3 A. "Kike" Mejia, Jr., whose untimely passing on May 24, 2003, at the
4 age of 63, has profoundly saddened the family and friends of a man
5 described as a legend; and

6 WHEREAS, A Laredo native, Coach Mejia attended Martin High
7 School, where he competed in basketball, baseball, and track and
8 field; notably, he played on the 1956 state championship basketball
9 team, whose members were called the Tiger Legends and were inducted
10 into the Laredo Latin American International Sports Hall of Fame in
11 1975; after high school, Coach Mejia ran track and field at
12 Southwest Texas State University and went on to become a stellar
13 second baseman and shortstop in the semiprofessional baseball
14 league as well as a skillful player-manager for the B-29 team; and

15 WHEREAS, Coach Mejia returned to his hometown, where he would
16 play an influential role in the lives of several generations of
17 youth beginning in the early 1960s when he took a head coach
18 position with Holding Institute; in 1980, he went to the St.
19 Augustine athletic program, where he served as athletic director
20 and head coach of basketball and baseball, amassing more than 500
21 victories on the basketball court; and

22 WHEREAS, Coach Mejia was a beloved leader who always put the
23 interests of his students first; he is remembered with tearful eyes
24 and fond memories by his family and friends and the students he

1 coached throughout the years, and his spirit lives on in the hearts
2 of those who were fortunate enough to have known him; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Coach Enrique
6 Mejia and extend deepest sympathies to the members of his family and
7 to his many friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns on this day, it do so in memory of Enrique
11 A. "Kike" Mejia, Jr.