

By: Flores

H.R. No. 18

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may  
2 temper the profound sadness that the passing of Jose Servando  
3 Longoria, Sr., on April 18, 2005, brings to all who knew this  
4 beloved Mission native; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on September 30, 1919, Mr. Longoria graduated  
6 from Mission High School in 1938; he served with distinction in the  
7 U.S. Army during World War II and received three Bronze Stars; after  
8 being captured by the German Army, he escaped and returned to his  
9 unit to complete his military service; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Longoria owned the Camargo Brick Company in Rio  
11 Grande City and served on the Edcouch-Elsa School Board during the  
12 1960s; he also played an instrumental role in obtaining a Texas  
13 Historical Marker for Blue Town to commemorate the history of the  
14 Longoria family, which dates back to 1780; and

15 WHEREAS, A devoted husband and caring patriarch to a large  
16 family, "Papa Joe" found great joy in hosting family gatherings at  
17 his home and listening to his grandchildren tell about their  
18 accomplishments in school and church; and

19 WHEREAS, While Mr. Longoria is deeply missed, the family and  
20 friends of this distinguished Texan may take comfort in memories of  
21 a life filled with joyful times, loving moments, and meaningful  
22 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of

1 Jose Servando Longoria, Sr., and extend sincere sympathy to the  
2 members of his family: to his wife, Aurora Longoria; to his sons,  
3 Jose Servando Longoria II, David Rene Longoria, and Raymond Richard  
4 Longoria; to his daughter, Lillian Dolores Ochoa; to his  
5 grandchildren, Melissa Ann Curry, Michael Joseph Longoria, Eric  
6 Reuben Longoria, Robert Andrew Longoria, David Aaron Longoria,  
7 Richard Daniel Longoria, Jacob James Longoria, Stephanie Anne  
8 Longoria, Stacie Elaine Longoria, and Christina Jovanna Ochoa; to  
9 his brother, Ramon Longoria; and to his other relatives and many  
10 friends; and, be it further

11         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jose  
14 Servando Longoria, Sr.