

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, With the passing of Leopoldo G. Torres of  
2 Raymondville on May 17, 2005, at the age of 84, the State of Texas  
3 lost a renowned master craftsman and a dedicated family man, and we  
4 join his many admirers in mourning their loss; and

5           WHEREAS, One of the nation's most accomplished bootmakers,  
6 Mr. Torres first learned the intricacies of his craft in Leon,  
7 Guanajuato, Mexico, and throughout his career his work was  
8 characterized by high standards of workmanship; and

9           WHEREAS, It was also in Leon that he met and married his wife,  
10 Josefa, and their long and happy union produced a fine family that  
11 grew to include 14 children, 33 grandchildren, and 9  
12 great-grandchildren during his lifetime; and

13           WHEREAS, After mastering the art of bootmaking while working  
14 for others, Mr. Torres, in 1971, founded Torres Boot Company, which  
15 quickly became famous for the excellence of its custom-made  
16 footwear; and

17           WHEREAS, Among his many satisfied customers were South Texas  
18 sheriffs, King Ranch cowboys, New York filmmakers, foreign royals,  
19 and numerous law enforcement officials; and

20           WHEREAS, His two most famous clients were accomplished  
21 horsemen with distinctly different styles, but Mr. Torres brought  
22 the same painstaking attention to detail to the creation of the polo  
23 boots he made for Prince Charles as he did to the fashioning of  
24 cowboy boots for President Ronald Reagan; and

1           WHEREAS, For a quarter-century, the Torres name was  
2 synonymous with the best traditions of bootmaking, and through his  
3 undisputed mastery of this craft, Mr. Torres secured a reputation  
4 for excellence that drew people to Raymondville from all over the  
5 world; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
7 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
8 Leopoldo G. Torres and extend sincere sympathy to his family and to  
9 his many friends; and, be it further

10          RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
12 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Leopoldo  
13 G. Torres.

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H.R. No. 90

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 90 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on August 4, 2005.

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Chief Clerk of the House