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H.R. No. 90

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.