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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Eloy Reyes of New Mexico was a staunch advocate for
2 the Hispanic community and a vigorous champion of education for
3 Latino youth, and his untimely passing on January 14, 2002, at the
4 age of 44 has left a great void in the hearts of his family and many
5 friends; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Uvalde, Mr. Reyes moved to New Mexico as the
7 market manager for Anheuser-Busch; he worked with Premier
8 Distributing Company for nearly 20 years and served as a managing
9 partner of the firm in Farmington and Santa Fe before becoming
10 executive vice president, the position he held at the time of his
11 death; and

12 WHEREAS, Standing about six feet three inches tall and
13 weighing 250 pounds, Mr. Reyes was a friendly person with an
14 outgoing personality, a man whose imposing stature reflected the
15 large way he lived life; whether he was conducting an auction,
16 speaking to a group of people, or simply entering a room full of
17 strangers, he made an impact on everyone present; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1998, Mr. Reyes became president of the New
19 Mexico Alliance for Hispanic Education, and in that capacity he
20 helped the state's leading educational charity honor the brightest
21 Hispanic scholars; Mr. Reyes spent many hours on the phone with
22 community leaders around the state, urging them to build a firm
23 foundation for New Mexico's future by supporting the education of
24 its youth; and

1 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman also demonstrated his
2 concern for his community through the presentation of various
3 public awareness and education programs, such as those promoting
4 responsible alcohol consumption and the use of designated drivers;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, In recognition of his tireless devotion to the
7 Hispanic community, the Eloy Reyes Title V Scholarship for La
8 Comunidad has been established for low-income Latino students at
9 Albuquerque Vocational Technical Institute; the scholarship
10 endowment has been funded by a \$60,000 donation from Premier
11 Distributing Company and a matching U.S. Department of Education
12 Title V Endowment Challenge Grant; and

13 WHEREAS, Through his spirited, unflagging efforts, Eloy
14 Reyes touched the lives of countless individuals and contributed
15 greatly to the building of a society that is enriched by the talents
16 of all its citizens; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
18 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the
19 life of community leader Eloy Reyes; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That when the Texas House of Representatives
21 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Eloy Reyes.