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H.R. No. 101

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The world has lost a beloved entertainer with the
2 death of internationally renowned Italian tenor Enzo Stuarti, who
3 died at his home in Midland on December 16, 2005, at the age of 86;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Born Lorenzo Scapone on March 3, 1919, in Rome, this
6 esteemed man emigrated to America in 1934 to join his family in New
7 Jersey; he served his new country as a member of the U.S. Merchant
8 Marines during World War II before moving back to Italy; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Stuarti returned to the United States in 1951
10 and began a celebrated career in entertainment, performing at
11 Carnegie Hall, in Broadway musicals, and on television, releasing
12 albums, and singing with orchestras and in clubs in both New York
13 and Las Vegas; and

14 WHEREAS, His stage credits include *Around the World in 80*
15 *Days*, *South Pacific*, and *Kiss Me Kate*, to name but a few, and his
16 recordings range from pop music to opera; moreover, he earned
17 national recognition as a regular guest on *The Ed Sullivan Show* and
18 *The Tonight Show*, as well as through his popular TV commercials for
19 Ragu spaghetti sauce, delivering his well-known catch phrase,
20 "That's a nice"; in 2004, Mr. Stuarti retired to Midland, the
21 hometown of his wife, Thelma; and

22 WHEREAS, Enzo Stuarti will long be remembered for the talent
23 that he shared with countless audiences for decades, and his legacy
24 lives on in the work that he leaves behind that will surely continue

1 to delight listeners for years to come; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
3 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the
4 life of Enzo Stuarti and extend deepest sympathy to the members of
5 his family: to his wife, Thelma Donohoo Stuarti; to his children,
6 Larry Stuart and Andrea Leib; to his three grandchildren; and to all
7 who mourn the passing of this gifted man; 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 this day, it do so in memory of Enzo
11 Stuarti.