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H.R. No. 301

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Joseph J. Pedraza of San
2 Antonio have been deeply saddened by his passing on January 27,
3 2006, at the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of the Alamo City, Joe Pedraza was born on
5 August 19, 1913, to Grace and Joseph J. Pedraza; when Mr. Pedraza
6 was 11 years old, his father became the first San Antonio police
7 officer to be killed in the line of duty, and the young boy showed a
8 maturity beyond his years in supporting his mother, four sisters,
9 and brother; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Pedraza played baseball for one of the first
11 semiprofessional teams in San Antonio and later proudly served his
12 country as a member of the U.S. Army during World War II; and

13 WHEREAS, A food broker for more than six decades, Mr. Pedraza
14 worked for C. H. Ketchum and Company, Kirkwood and Company,
15 Saldania Garza, and Luke Soules, and became known as the "Bean Man"
16 at restaurants and major stores throughout the nation; widely
17 respected for his integrity and expertise, he continued to work
18 part time until the age of 87; and

19 WHEREAS, Joe Pedraza shared his time and resources with the
20 congregation at St. Gerard's Catholic Church for nearly half a
21 century, serving as an usher and assisting with the church's annual
22 festival; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Pedraza contributed to his community through a
24 lifetime of purposeful endeavor, and he leaves behind a legacy to

1 treasure for those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
3 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
4 Joseph J. Pedraza and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
5 family: to his devoted wife of 62 years, Mary Pedraza; to his sons,
6 Joseph E. "Jody" Pedraza and Michael A. "Mykal" Pedraza; to his
7 grandchildren, Chance, Monique, and Casey; to his sisters, Irene
8 Fletcher, Annie Price, and Grace Huslage; and to his other
9 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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