

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, With the retirement of "Jesse" James Leija from his
2 career as a professional boxer, the sport has lost one of its most
3 accomplished practitioners, and this memorable milestone offers an
4 ideal opportunity to reflect on this talented Texan's many
5 contributions to his community; and

6 WHEREAS, A native of San Antonio, Mr. Leija approached his
7 career as a fighter with humility and disciplined intelligence, and
8 his impressive record of athletic accomplishment is all the more
9 impressive for the steadfast civility, dignity, and character he
10 brought to his sport; and

11 WHEREAS, After qualifying as an Olympic semifinalist as an
12 amateur, Mr. Leija went on to a stellar professional career of 47
13 wins, seven losses, and two draws that included nine title fights
14 and four fights against the legendary Azumah Nelson; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Leija has held several top boxing titles,
16 including those of WBC World Super Featherweight Champion, IBA
17 World Lightweight Champion, North American Featherweight Champion,
18 and North American Lightweight Champion, the last of which he took
19 twice, and over the course of his career he defeated 15 world-rated
20 fighters, three Olympians, and four world champions; and

21 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Leija is happily married
22 to his junior high school sweetheart, Lisa, and takes great pride in
23 their sons, James and Dean, who help their father with his efforts
24 in behalf of the community; and

1 WHEREAS, His love of children extends beyond his own family,
2 as is evidenced by his dedication to the completion of the "Miracle
3 League" baseball field near Wolff Stadium for use by handicapped
4 youth; and

5 WHEREAS, Great talent in the boxing ring is rare, and even
6 rarer is that unique combination of athleticism, intelligence, and
7 heart that is the hallmark of champions both in and out of the ring;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, "Jesse" James Leija is possessed of these attributes
10 in no uncertain terms, and through his impressive record of
11 accomplishment he has secured both his stature as a boxer of note
12 and as a role model for all who are fortunate enough to know him;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
15 hereby congratulate "Jesse" James Leija on his remarkable career as
16 a boxer and commend him for his ongoing contributions to the city of
17 San Antonio; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Mr. Leija as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 86 was adopted by the House on March 3, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 86 was adopted by the Senate on March 17, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor