

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Louis, Ben, Bill, and Rick Bolanos of El Paso have  
2 all manifested a deep love of their country through their valiant  
3 service in its armed forces and through their dedicated civic  
4 engagement; and

5           WHEREAS, The only four brothers to serve in the Vietnam War at  
6 the same time, the Bolanos brothers were born in California and were  
7 living in Texas in the mid-1960s when they volunteered for duty in  
8 Southeast Asia; Louis went to Vietnam as a member of the Navy, Ben  
9 as a member of the Marine Corps, Bill as a member of the Army's  
10 Special Forces, also known as Green Berets, and Rick as a member of  
11 the Army Airborne; and

12           WHEREAS, Three of the brothers fought together in the battle  
13 for Dong Ha, the chief logistics base for American and South  
14 Vietnamese operations in the north and a command base for two Marine  
15 divisions; in late April and early May 1968, the North Vietnamese  
16 tried to drive toward Dong Ha through the eastern part of the DMZ,  
17 but were repelled in heavy fighting; and

18           WHEREAS, During the 2004 presidential campaign, the Bolanos  
19 brothers traveled extensively throughout the United States,  
20 encouraging veterans to vote and get involved in the political  
21 process; and

22           WHEREAS, Instilled with a fervent patriotism by their father,  
23 who came to the United States to start a new life, the Bolanos  
24 brothers have answered their country's call with unfaltering

1 courage and selflessness, and they have continued to exemplify the  
2 civic commitment that is so crucial to the vitality of this system  
3 of government; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
5 hereby honor Louis, Ben, Bill, and Rick Bolanos for their devoted  
6 service to this country, both in war and in peace; and, be it  
7 further

8       RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
9 for these outstanding Texans as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 120 was adopted by the House on April 14, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 120 was adopted by the Senate on May 11, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor