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H.C.R. No. 120

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.